

***Artocarpus hirsutus* (Anjily)**

Artocarpus hirsutus also known as the Wild jackfruit or Anjily, is a species of tree in the family Moraceae. Here are its full details:

Classification

Kingdom: plantae

Clade: Angiosperms

Clade: Eudicots

Clade: Rosids

Order: Rosales

Family: Moraceae

Genus: *Artocarpus*

Species: *hirsutus*



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Large evergreen tree, up to 35 meters tall.

Trunk: straight cylindrical diameter up to 1 meter, grayish-brown bark

Leaves: large and elliptical up to 20-50 cm long and 10-20 cm wide, hairy underside, long petiole.

Flowers: Small, greenish-yellow, unisexual and flowers are separate, Male flowers in catkins, female flowers in spikes.

Fruits: Large, green or yellowish, 20-30 cm long and 10-15 cm wide, hairy exterior, starchy, sweet pulp.

DISTRIBUTION AND HABITAT

Native to Western Ghats, India. Found in evergreen and semi-evergreen forest. Grows in well-drained soil and full sun to partial shade.

CULTIVATION AND USES

Wood is durable and resistant to rot and is used for furniture, construction, and tool handles. Use as traditional medicine for fever

INTERESTING FACT

The tree has a unique relationship with a species of wasp, which helps pollinate the flowers. *Artocarpus hirsutus* is considered a sacred tree in some parts of India.