

## ***Monnon longifolium* (Arana tree)**

### **Classification**

Kingdom: Plantae  
Clade: Tracheophyta  
Clade: Angiosperm  
Clade: Magnolids  
Order: Magnoliales  
Family: Annonaceae  
Genus: Monoon  
Species: longifolium



### **PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

**Trunk:** The trunk is straight, cylindrical, can grow up to 49 feet with spreading branches.

**Leaves:** The leaves are elliptical, thick, 8-12 inches long and 2-3 inches wide.

**Flowers:** Clustered, small, yellowish - white or yellowish - green coloured flower.

**Fruit:** It has a berry type fruit.

### **DISTRIBUTION AND HABITAT**

Native to tropical areas of South India and widely seen in Asia. It requires 700-4000mm of rainfall per year.

### **CULTIVATION AND USES**

The trunk was once used in the making of masts for sailing ships. Leaves are used as medicines in treatment of fever, skin diseases, diabetes.

### **INTERESTING FACTS**

This evergreen tree is a center of attraction in many gardens in India. It's known to be effective to alleviate noise. Provide shelter and food for many animals, such as birds, bat, etc.

