

***Nephelium lappaceum* (Rambutan)**

Classification

Kingdom: Plantae

Division: Magnoliophyta

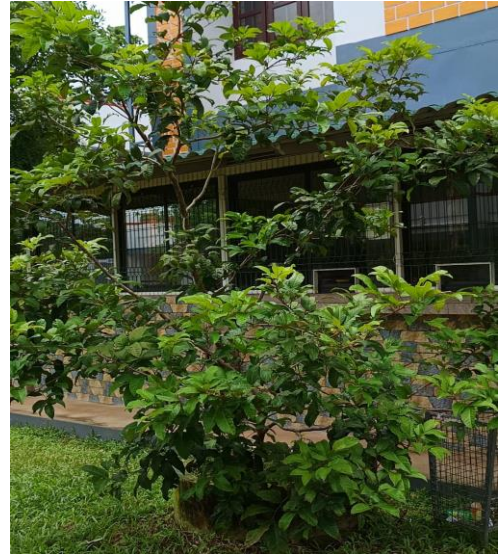
Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Sapindales

Family: Sapindaceae

Genus: *Nephelium*

Species: *lappaceum*



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Trunk: Trunk is straight, thick which can grow up to 20 meters.

Leaves: Leaves are dark green in color.

Flower: Flowers are greenish-white, small and clustered.

Fruit: Round, leathery, fleshy, fruit with red or orange or green in color.

Distribution and Habitat

Rambutan are native to South Asia. It is an evergreen tree. The trees are at their best in deep, well-drained soil, which are rich in organic matter.

CULTIVATION AND USES

Timber is used for general construction, furniture, etc. Fruits are edible and covered with sweet pulp. It can reduce diabetes, lower blood pressure. Help to increase digestive function.

INTERESTING FACTS

Rambutan got its name from the Malaya word 'rambut' meaning hair. Over 200 varieties which have different types of flavour. Rich in vitamin C.