

## ***Syzygium cumini* (Black Jamun)**

### **Classification**

Kingdom: Plantae

Division: Magnoliophyta

Class: Angiosperma

Family: Myrtaceae

Order: Myrtales

Genus: *Syzygium*

Species: *cumini*



### **PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

**Trunk:** Straight, cylindrical, greyish-brown, can grow up to 33-98 feet.

**Leaves:** Smooth, ovate, 5-15 cm long.

**Flowers:** White or pale yellow, star shaped, small.

**Fruits:** Smooth, dark purple, juicy, 2-3 inches long and 0.6-08 inches wide.

### **DISTRIBUTION AND HABITAT**

Black jamun is a species of tree native of Indian Subcontinent, South East Asia. It is introduced and naturalized in Africa, Oceania and Pacific Islands.

### **CULTIVATION AND USES**

It is rich in vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, flavonoids. The fruits are used to make syrups, juice and used in traditional medicine practice.

### **INTERESTING FACTS**

Black jamun is mentioned in ancient Indian texts like the Mahabharata and Charaka Samhita.