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**PLANT MORPHOLOGY**



**Botanical Name :- Mimusops elengi L.**  
**Family :- Sapotaceae**  
**Local Name :- Bakul**

*Mimusops elengi* is a large glabrous evergreen Indian origin tree that grows to a height of 12-15 metres. It is found in the peninsular region, the Western and Eastern Ghats, and is cultivated in the plains, e.g., tropical forests in south Asia and in India. Plant is cultivated for its ornamental appearance, graceful look, shade and for fragrant flowers.

**Morphology :**

*Mimusops elengi* is a moderate to large size evergreen tree, generally about 15 m high. Stem is ash coloured dark, fissured with densely spreading crown. Leaves simple, elliptic or obovate and leathery with wavy margins. Corolla white coloured, longer than calyx. Berry about 2.5 cm long, ovoid, yellow when ripe, contains a juicy pulp. Seeds are solitary, ovoid, compressed, brown and shining.

**Uses :**

The fruit can be eaten raw and pickled. The bark is used in the treatment of diarrhoea and dysentery. A decoction of the bark, sometimes mixed with the flowers, is used as a gargle to treat gum inflammation, toothache etc. The leaves are used to treat headache, toothache.

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