

Asopalav (*Pollyalthia longifolia*)

Scientific classification

Kingdom:	Plantae
(unranked):	Angiosperms
(unranked):	Magnoliids
Order:	Magnoliales
Family:	Annonaceae
Genus:	<i>Polyalthia</i>
Species:	<i>P. longifolia</i>

Habit: A tall handsome tree.

Leaves: Membraneous, lanceolate, tapering to a fine point, shining, glabrous, margin undulate or wavy, gland-dotted.

Inflorescence: A fascicle or shortly peduncled umbel.

Flowers: Pedicellate, bracteates, pedicels slender with a small deciduous bract about the middle. Flowers yellowish-green. Sepals 3, triangular, pubescent, tips reflexed. Petals 6, valvate, subequal, linear, tapering to a point. Stamens many cuneate, connective truncately dilated beyond the cells. Ovaries many, style oblong, ovules 1-2 basal and erect.



Fruit: An etaerio of berries. Berries stalked ovoid. Seeds large smooth and shining. Endosperm ruminates.

Flowering and Fruiting Time: April - June

Significance:

Planted as an evergreen avenue tree. Leaves used for decorative purpose toran on auspicious occasions. Straight long stem used for ship-mast.