

## **Dipterocarpus**

### **CLASSIFICATION**

**Kingdom:** Plantae  
**Order:** Malvales  
**Family:** *Dipterocarpaceae*  
**Genus:** *Dipterocarpus*  
**Vernacular name:** Burmese



### **PLANT PROFILE:**

*Dipterocarpus* is a genus of flowering plants and the type genus of family Dipterocarpaceae. The genus has about 70 species, occurring in Southeast Asia. It is a Perennial evergreen tree. The tree can become up to nearly 40 m tall. The tree can become up to nearly 40 m tall. It is shade tolerant in the early stages and sensitive to fire.

### **USES:**

The genus is of considerable importance as timber trees, sold under the trade name Keruing, although not as important as Shorea. Gurjan, which is a major commercial timber species found in the Andaman islands, is a member of this genus. Gurjan wood is very important for making plywood.