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Alstonia scholaris (L.) R.Br.

Family: Apocynaceae

Common name: Scholar Tree

Vernacular name: ഏഴിലമ്പാല

Nativity: Southern china, Tropical Aisa and Australia

Habit: Tree

Habitat: Evergreen forests to moist Deciduous forests

IUCN Status: Least Concerned

Keynotes: *Alstonia scholaris* is a glabrous tree and grows up to 40 m tall. Its mature bark is grayish and its young branches are copiously marked with lenticels. One unique feature of this tree is that in some places, such as New Guinea, the trunk is three-sided.

Uses: The wood of *Alstonia scholaris* has been recommended for the manufacture of pencils, as it is suitable in nature and the tree grows rapidly and is easy to cultivate. In Sri Lanka its light wood was used for coffins. The wood close to the root is very light and of white colour, and in Borneo was used for net floats, household utensils, trenchers, corks, etc. In Theravada Buddhism, the first Buddha is said to have used *Alstonia scholaris* as the tree for achieving enlightenment.



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