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*Monoon longifolium* (Sonn.) B.Xue &  
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**Family:** Annonaceae

**Common name:** Ashoka

**Vernacular name:** അശോകമരം

**Nativity:** Southern India and Sri Lanka

**Habit:** Tree

**Habitat:** Tropical region

**IUCN Status:** Not Evaluated

**Keynotes:** *Polyalthia longifolia*, is an Asian small tree species in the family Annonaceae. It is native to southern India and Sri Lanka, but has been widely introduced elsewhere in tropical Asia. This evergreen tree is known to grow over 20 m. in height and is commonly planted due to its effectiveness in alleviating noise pollution. It exhibits symmetrical pyramidal growth with willowy weeping pendulous branches and long narrow lanceolate leaves with undulate margins.

**Uses:** The leaves are used for ornamental decoration during festivals. The tree is a focal point in gardens throughout India. The tree can be pruned into various shapes and maintained in required sizes. The flexible, straight and light-weight trunks were once used in the making of masts for sailing ships.



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