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*Pterocarpus santalinus* L.f.

**Family:** Fabaceae

**Common name:** Red sanders

**Vernacular name:** രാമനാലി

**Nativity:** Peninsular India and Sri Lanka

**Habit:** Tree

**Habitat:** Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests

**IUCN Status:** Endangered

**Keynotes:** *Pterocarpus santalinus* is a light-demanding small tree, growing to 8 metres tall with a trunk 50–150 cm diameter. It is fast-growing when young, reaching 5 metres tall in three years, even on degraded soils. It is not frost tolerant, being killed by temperatures of  $-1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The leaves are alternate, 3–9 cm long, trifoliate with three leaflets. The flowers are produced in short racemes. The fruit is a pod 6–9 cm long containing one or two seeds.

**Uses:** *Pterocarpus santalinus* is used in traditional herbal medicine as an antipyretic, anti-inflammatory, anthelmintic, tonic, hemorrhage, dysentery, aphrodisiac, anti-hyperglycaemic and diaphoretic.



## References

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