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*Samanea saman* (Jacq ) Merr.

**Family:** Fabaceae

**Common name:** Monkey pod tree

**Vernacular name:** ഉറക്കിറുതുങ്ങമരം

**Nativity:** C. America to Venezuela and Ecuador

**Habit:** Tree

**Habitat:** Deciduous Tree

**IUCN Status:** Not Evaluated

**Keynotes:** Saman is a wide-canopied tree with a large symmetrical umbrella-shaped crown. It usually reaches a height and a diameter of 30 m. A rain tree leaf is pinnate made of 6–16 leaflets, each leaflet is shaped like a diamond 2–4 centimetres long and 1–2 centimetres wide with a dull top surface and finely hairy beneath. The tree sheds its leaves for a while during dry periods. Its crown is big and can provide shade, but allows rain to fall through into the ground beneath it. The seed pods of the tree are curved and leathery; they contain sticky, edible flesh covering the flat, oval seeds.

**Uses:** The edible fruit pulp can be made into a beverage that tastes like lemons; the pulp is also an additive to gasoline. Its wood is used for carving and making furniture.



## References

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