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Bauhinia purpurea L.

Family: Fabaceae

Common name: Orchid tree

Vernacular name: ചുവന്നമന്ദാരം

Nativity: Indian Sub-Continent and Myanmar

Habit: Tree

Habitat: India, ascending to an altitude of 1300mm in Himalaya.

IUCN Status: Least Concerned

Keynotes: *Bauhinia purpurea* is a small to medium-size deciduous tree growing to 17 feet tall. The leaves are 10–20 centimetres long and broad, rounded, and bilobed at the base and apex. The flowers are conspicuous, pink, and fragrant, with five petals.

Uses: The young leaves and flowers of *Bauhinia purpurea* are edible. In the Philippines, *B. purpurea* is known as alibangbang lit. The leaves have a citrusy and sour taste and are used as a souring agent for sinigang and similar dishes in Philippine cuisine.



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