

## *Mangifera indica*



**Kingdom:** Plantae

**Order:** Sapindales

**Family:** Anacardiaceae

**Genus:** *Mangifera*

**Species:** *Mangifera indica*

The ***Mangifera*** genus, particularly ***Mangifera indica*** (the mango tree), is native to South Asia and widely cultivated in tropical and subtropical regions.

### Height

- **Mature height:** Mango trees can grow up to **30–40 meters**, with a broad canopy spreading 10–15 meters wide.

### Uses

1. **Fruit:** The mango fruit is a rich source of vitamins A, C, and E and is used fresh, dried, or in processed forms (juices, pickles, jams).
2. **Timber:** Mango wood is used in making furniture, flooring, and other woodcrafts.
3. **Medicinal:** Mango leaves, bark, and fruit have been traditionally used in Ayurvedic medicine to treat various ailments like diabetes, digestion issues, and skin conditions.

### Religious Importance

- In **Hinduism**, the mango tree is considered sacred. Its leaves are used in **Puja (worship)** and **auspicious ceremonies** like weddings and housewarmings.
- **Mango leaves** are hung at doorways during religious festivals to symbolize prosperity and protection.
- The fruit itself is often offered to deities during religious rituals and is seen as a symbol of **fertility** and **abundance**.