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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

Botanical Name: *Melastoma malabatricum* (L.) Smith

Family: Malastomataceae

Common Name: Malabar melastome, Indian rhododendron.

Origin: Seychelles, tropical and subtropical Asia to Australia and Western Pacific Islands.

General Characters:

- It is a flowering plant.
- It grows up to 5 meters tall.
- It bears three prominent veins.
- It has wound healing and antioxidant properties.
- It has narrowly elliptic leaves.
- The leaf surface is rough.
- It bears white large flowers with star-shaped.
- The fruits are round with crown-like structure.

