

## 28 *Mesua ferrea* Linn. var. *ferrea* (Nagakesara)

Drug consists of dried stamens of *Mesua ferrea* Linn. var. *ferrea* (syn. *Mesua nagassarium* (Burm.f.) Kosterm.) (Plate 28.1 A, B & C); Fam. Clusiaceae. An evergreen tall tree, with short trunk, often buttressed at the base, occurring in the lower Himalayas from Nepal eastwards to Bengal, Assam and North Kanara, Konkan, Andhra Pradesh, Eastern and Western Ghats, ascending up to 1500 m and in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

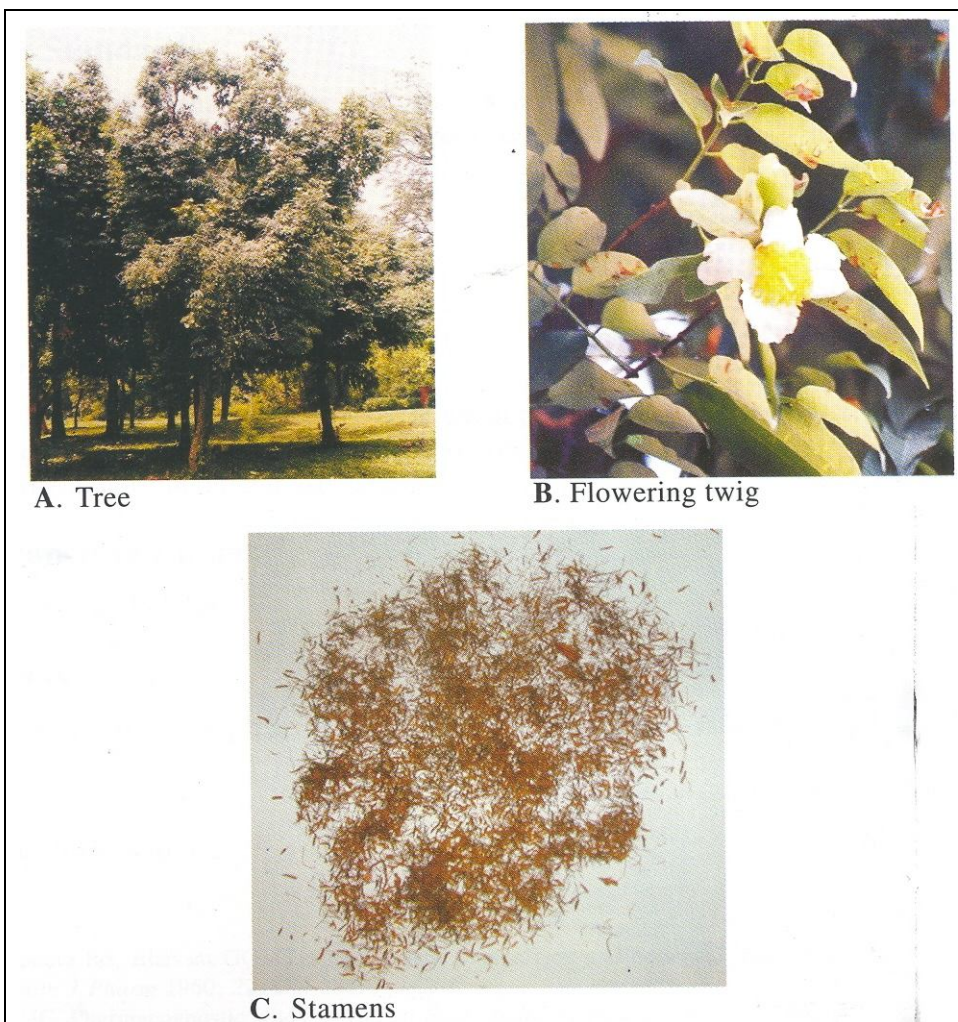
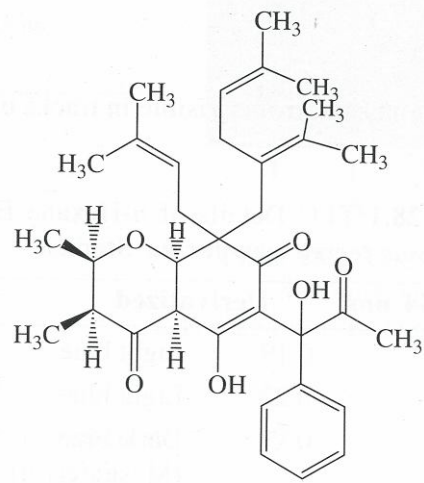


Plate 28.1 *Mesua ferrea* Linn. var. *ferrea*

### Chemical Constituents

#### Major

Mesuaferrol, mesuanic acid.



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