# Star Fruit

*Averrhoa Carambola L.*

**Code:** TREE-00087 **Category:** Trees **Local / Vernacular name:** Kannada : □□□□□□□□ Daarehuli,, Tulu : Daarepuli

## Botanical Details

**Family:** Oxalidaceae

**Characteristic features:**

**Habit :** A small evergreen tree or shrub ,grows up to an average height of 5 - 12 m, with pink to red purple flowers.

**Leaves :** The compound leaves are soft, medium green, spirally arranged around the branches in an alternated fashion. The pinnate leaves have a single terminal leaflet and 5 - 11 nearly opposite leaflets, each leaf is about 15 - 20 cm long. The leaflets are ovate or ovate oblong in shape. The top side is smooth and undersides are finely hairy and whitish.

**Flowers :** The flowers are small and bell shaped, with five petals that have whitish edges.

**Fruits :**The fruits are oblong, star shaped with five prominent ridges about 7 - 15 cm long and 9 cm wide. The fruits have a thin, waxy skin that is orange yellow colour. The juicy fruit is yellow inside when ripe with about 12 seeds which are flat, thin and brown

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## Location

GPS: 12.87354200, 74.84523900

Directions: https://www.google.com/maps/dir/?api=1&travelmode=walking&destination=12.873542%2C74.845239