

What are Dipterocarps?

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Dipterocarp trees are a **tall** tree species in **Southeast Asia**. The wood from trees in this family includes good **hardwood timber**. Their names are **Meranti**, **Merawan** and **Keruing**.



In Greek, “dipterón” means two-winged, and “karpos” means fruit – referring to the trees’ distinctive fruits. The wings help the fruits stay longer in the air so they can be dispersed further away from their parent tree. However, some Dipterocarps can have fruits that have up to five wings, and some may even be wingless!



Answer key



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