#### **Comparison of Similar Looking Plants**

#### Alstonia scholaris, Alstonia angustiloba and Dyera costulata



Scientific name: Alstonia scholaris Common name: Indian Pulai

Family: Apocynaceae

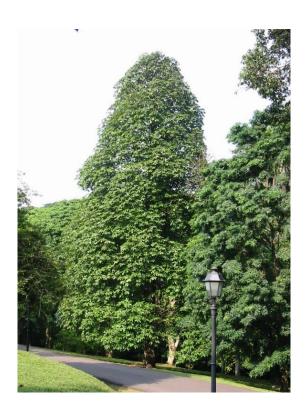
**Origin:** Cambodia, India, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Australia



Scientific name: Alstonia angustiloba Common name: Common Pulai

Family: Apocynaceae

**Origin:** Singapore, Peninsular Malaysia, Sumatra, Java, Borneo, the Philippines



Scientific name: Dyera costulata

Common name: Jelutong Family: Apocynaceae

Origin: Singapore, Thailand, Sumatra,

Borneo, Peninsular Malaysia



# **Character Comparison**

		Alstonia scholaris		Alstonia angustiloba		Dyera costulata
Form	•	Up to 20 m under cultivation or 40 m in nature Young trees with pagoda-shaped crown, later becoming cylindrical	•	Up to 40 m in nature Young trees with pagoda- shaped crown		Up to 30 m under cultivation or 60-80 m in nature Conical to wide spreading crown
Trunk	•	Fluted trunk with buttress roots in mature trees	•	Fluted trunk with buttress roots up to 8 m tall in mature trees	•	Straight trunk without buttress roots and not fluted
	•	Brown or yellowish white bark	•	Brownish or greyish, fissured bark	•	Dark grey or black bark



# **Character Comparison**

	Alstonia scholaris	Alstonia angustiloba	Dyera costulata
Young Foliage	Yellowish green young foliage	Yellowish green young foliage	Orange-pink to red young foliage
Foliage	5-8 whorled, elliptical leaves (7-17 cm long) with 0.7-1.5 cm long leaf stalk and with triangular intrapetiolar stipules  © Cerlin Ng	4-8 whorled, elliptic-oblong leaves (5-17 cm long) with 1.5-3.5 cm long leaf stalk and without intrapetiolar stipules	6-8 whorled, ovate-oblong leaves (7-18 cm long) with 2-6 cm long leaf stalk and without intrapetiolar stipules      Zaki Jamal

# **Character Comparison**

	Alstonia scholaris	Alstonia angustiloba	Dyera costulata
Flower	White to cream or yellowish green, fragrant, night-blooming flowers (1 cm wide)	White to pale yellow, fragrant flowers (1-1.2 cm wide)	White, fragrant, night-blooming flowers (0.5-0.8 cm wide)
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Fruit	<ul> <li>Pairs of narrow, cylindrical pods (2 56 cm long, 0.3-0.5 cm wide) hang down</li> </ul>		Pairs of woody, curved reddish brown pods (15-40 cm long, 2-3 cm wide) held upright
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