



*Aegle marmelos* (L.) Correa

**Family:** Rutaceae

**Common names:** Stone apple, Bael, Bil



**Description:**

*Aegle marmelos* is native to Bangladesh and India. It is present throughout South-east Asia as a naturalized species. It is a spinous deciduous and aromatic tree with long, strong and axillary spines. This tree grows up to 18 m in height. Leaves are 3-5 foliate, leaflets are ovate and have typical aroma. Flowers are greenish in colour and sweet scented. Fruits are large, woody, greyish yellow; 8-15 celled and have sweet gummy orange coloured pulp. Seeds are compressed, oblong and numerous found in aromatic pulp.

**Utilization:**

The fruits are usually eaten by people. They are also used in the preparation of many medicines in the villages. These protein-rich fruits are also used in making a very good drink. The unripe dried fruits are astringent, digestive and stomachic; they are prescribed to cure diarrhoea and dysentery (Watt, 1889). Dried fruit pulp is also used to make 'Hawan Samagri'

Part	Uses
Dry fruits	diarrhoea and dysentery
Leaf	Antiulcer, Anticancer, Antimalarial, Antiviral
Bark	Abortifacient, Abortifacient

**References:**

Watt G; (1889). A Dictionary of Economic products of India. Vol. 6. Cosmo Publication, Delhi.