

Ipil at Kranji

Subjects: Ipil, *Intsia bijuga* (Magnoliophyta: Fabaceae).

Subjects identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Kranji Nature Trail, back mangrove; 19 August 2011; 1030 hrs.

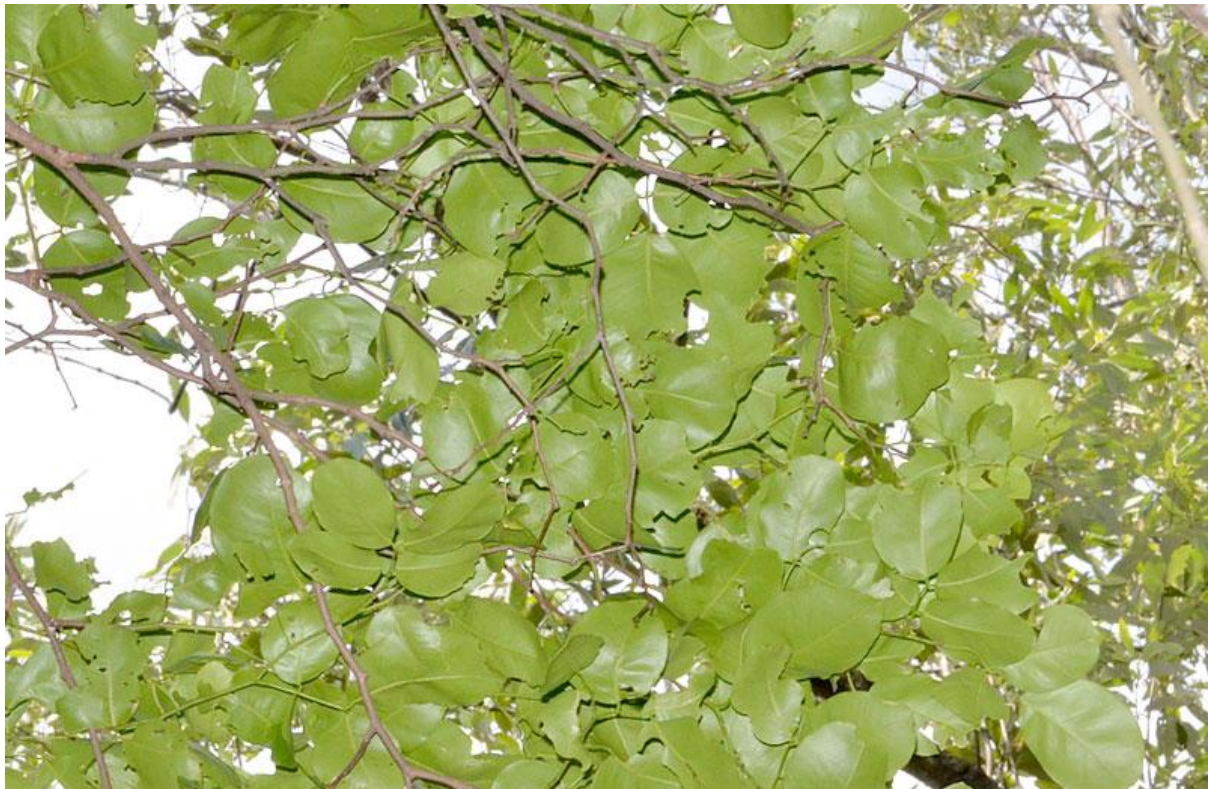
Habitat: Back mangrove.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: Five ipil trees were recorded at the landward side of the mangrove forest. Two of the trees were over 5 m tall, while the other three were young plants not more than 2 m tall.

Remarks: The ipil is a critically endangered tree in Singapore (Chong et al., 2009). This species usually inhabits back mangroves, much of which in Singapore was destroyed due to land development.

Reference: Chong, K. Y., H. T. W. Tan & R. T. Corlett, 2009. *A Checklist of the Total Vascular Plant Flora of Singapore: Native, Naturalised and Cultivated Species*. Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research, National University of Singapore. 273 pp.



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