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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

Botanical Name: *Melastoma malabathricum* (L.) Smith

Family: Malastomataceae

Common Name: Indian rhododendron, Singapore rhododendron, senduduk.

Origin: South Asia region.

General Characters:

- It is flowering plant.
- It is used to treat toothache and stomachache.
- It has antibacterial and antiviral properties.
- It also has anticoagulant and anti-inflammatory properties.
- The plant is branched.
- It has reddish stems that are covered with minute hairs.
- The leaves are simple and elliptic.
- It has solitary flowers.

