


Spondias

<i>Spondias</i>	
	
Fruiting <i>Spondias mombin</i>	
Scientific classification	
Kingdom:	Plantae
(unranked):	Angiosperms
(unranked):	Eudicots
(unranked):	Rosids
Order:	Sapindales
Family:	Anacardiaceae
Subfamily:	Spondioideae
Tribe:	Spondiadeae
Genus:	<i>Spondias</i> L.
Type species	
<i>Spondias mombin</i> L.	
Species	
17, see text	
Synonyms	
<i>Allospodias</i> (Pierre) Stapf <i>Skoliostigma</i> Lauterb. ^[1]	

Spondias is a genus of flowering plants in the cashew family, Anacardiaceae. The genus consists of 17 described species, 7 of which are native to the Neotropics and about 10 are native to tropical Asia. They are commonly named **hog plums**, **Spanish plums**, **libas** in Bikol and in some cases **golden apples** for their brightly-colored fruit which resemble an apple or large plum at a casual glance. They are only distantly related to apple and plum trees, however. A more unequivocal common name is **mombins**.



Spondias dulcis, fruit, section and seed

They are deciduous or semi-evergreen trees growing to 25 m tall. The leaves are spirally arranged, pinnate, rarely bipinnate or simple. The fruit is a drupe similar to a small mango (in the related genus *Mangifera*), 4-10 cm long, ripening yellow or orange. It has a single seed.

About 10 species of *Spondias* bear edible fruits and have been domesticated for fruit production. These fruits are also consumed by herbivorous mammals such as deer.

A theory regarding the name of the city of Bangkok, Thailand is that the name is derived from *makok* (มะกอก), the Thai name for the fruit of *Spondias dulcis*^[2]. *Spondias pinnata* is called *Pulicha*

kaai in the Tamil language, which means "sour fruit." It is also called as *Ambade* in Tulu and Konkani. In Sri Lanka its called as 'Amberella'.

The Malesian species of *Spondias* were revised by Ding Hou in 1978.^[3] The most recently recognized species, *Spondias testudinis*, was described in 1998.^[4]

Selected species

- *Spondias cytherea* Sonn.
- *Spondias dulcis* – Tahitian Apple, Pommecythere (Trinidad & Tobago)
- *Spondias haplophylla*
- *Spondias indica*
- *Spondias lakonensis*
- *Spondias mombin* – Yellow Mombin, Gully Plum, Ashanti Plum, "Java plum"
- *Spondias pinnata*
- *Spondias purpurea* L. – Jocote, Purple Mombin, Red Mombin, Ciruela, Siniguela, Sirigwela
- *Spondias radlkoferi*
- *Spondias tuberosa* – Umbú, Imbu, Brazil Plum
- *Spondias venulosa*



Preserved ma-kok, sweet and sour with chili

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External links

- Flora of China: list of *Spondias* species in China (http://www.efloras.org/florataxon.aspx?flora_id=3&taxon_id=131065)

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