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[Crateva magna](#)



These stunning flowers are produced by *Crateva magna* (Lour.) DC., a small to medium sized tree (4 to 11 m tall) with weak, spreading branches and terminally clustered leaves, locally known as "Dala" or "Dalur" in Malay. Like other members in Capparaceae, it has up to 20 long spreading stamens. Its trifoliate leaves, showy flowers (ca. 6 cm in cross section) with conspicuous, clawed petals and dark purple stamens, which fade as the flower ages are very characteristic.

In its natural habitat, Dalur is common along rivers in lowland dipterocarp forest, up to 123 m altitude. It is mostly found in northern parts of Peninsular Malaysia and has been recorded in Kedah (*Sow FMS3460, Chan FRI21747, KEP*), Perak (*Ridley 14667, SING*), Kelantan (*Chee FRI44173, Ibrahim 67734, Ng FRI5306 & FRI5317, Cockburn FRI7041, Lambak FMS3167, Henderson 19624, KEP; Henderson 22201 & 29613, Haniff SFN10194, Corner SFN33444, SING*) and Terengganu (*Husmady FRI37056, Loh FRI13442, Syed Jaafar 53293, Abdul Aziz 53307, Cockburn FRI10635, KEP; Hume 167, KLU; Holtum 15226, SING*). In Terengganu, you may find it cultivated in gardens either for medicinal use or as an ornamental. The leaves and bark, boiled with oil, have been reported to be used externally to relieve body pain (*Holtum 15226, SING*).

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