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*Buchanania lanzan*

[Synonyms : *Buchanania lanzan*, *Buchanania latifolia*]

**CALUMPANG NUT** is a tree. Native to India, Myanmar (more familiar in the West as Burma) and Malaysia it has white flowers and green fruit.

It is also known as Almondette, Almond tree, *Charoli* (Gujarati), Cheronjee, Cuddapah almond, and *Kharaskandha* (Sanskrit).

The trees are cultivated throughout south-eastern Asia and the nuts (used like almonds, *Prunus dulcis* var. *dulcis*) are sold in local markets and bazaars. Not only are they popular in local sweetmeats, especially in India, but they are also exported to other countries such as Britain where they are a commercial confectionery ingredient. In fact some authorities consider them to be a satisfactory almond substitute superior to cashew nuts (*Anacardium occidentale*).

Cheap furniture is made from the moderately hard, greyish-brown wood which is also used for construction and cooperage, as well as for making yokes, boxes and match boxes.

The tree's leaves have been fed to livestock.

Medicinally, local herbalists have applied a paste made from the bark to heal wounds and one from the leaves has been applied to the forehead for easing headaches or vertigo. The bark has also been used in the treatment of jaundice, throat ulcers and toothache.