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*Flacourtia cataphracta*

[Synonyms : *Flacourtia jangomas*]

**RUNEALMA PLUM** is an evergreen shrub or tree. Of unknown origin it may have been cultivated first in India and has very small, yellowish-green to white flowers.

It is also known as Indian plum, Governor's plum, Java plum, *Kerkup besar* (Malay), *Pachnala* (Himalayan), *Paniala*, *Paniyala* (Bengali), *Rata-uguessa* (Sinhalese), *Ta-khop-thai* (Thai), *Talisha* (Sanskrit), and *Talispatri* (Hindi).

The fleshy dark purple-brown berries with their yellowish-green or creamy-white pulp can be eaten raw or made into compôtes, jam, syrups or preserves.

*Cataphracta* is Latin (mail-clad) meaning 'covered or shut in'.

The hard wood has been used to make agricultural implements and has also been burnt as fuel. Medicinally, Indian medicine has used a bark infusion as a gargle and recommended the use of the leaves and young shoots to ease stomach upsets and diarrhoea, as well as the fruit for some stomach disorders.