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*Jacaranda copaia*

[Synonyms : *Bignonia caroba*, *Bignonia copaia*, *Bignonia procera*, *Jacaranda amazonensis*, *Jacaranda caroba*, *Jacaranda copaia* subsp. *copaia*, *Jacaranda copaia* var. *paraensis*, *Jacaranda copaia* subsp. *spectabilis*, *Jacaranda paraensis*, *Jacaranda procera*, *Jacaranda spectabilis*, *Jacaranda superba*]

**CAROBA** is a tree. Native to South America, it has small, liver-coloured flowers.

It is also known as *Abey* (Venezuelan), *Carnauba da matta* (Brazilian), Carob tree, *Chingale* (Colombian), *Copaia* (French Guianese), *Cupay* (Venezuelan), *Faux simarouba* (French Guianese), *Goebaja* (Surinamese), *Gualandai* (Panamanian), *Para-para* (Brazilian), and Red jacaranda.

*Copaia* is derived from the genus name *Copaifera* meaning ‘like plants in that genus’.

The wood has been used for manufacturing plywood, fibreboard and matches, as well as pulp (not least for paper). It has been used for building interiors and made into parts of furniture, and into boxes and crates.

Locally caroba’s leaves have been used medicinally for treating syphilis and other venereal diseases.