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Magnolia doltsopa

[Synonyms : *Magnolia excelsa*, *Michelia calcuttensis*, *Michelia doltsopa*, *Michelia excelsa*, *Michelia manipurensis*, *Michelia opipara*, *Michelia wardii*, *Sampacca excelsa*]

CHAMPACA is a deciduous or evergreen tree. Native from the eastern Himalayas to south-western China and Myanmar (Burma), it has reddish-brown stalked, very fragrant, pale yellow to white flowers.

It is also known as Sweet michelia.

Doltsopa is a corruption of a Tibetan name for champaca (*Magnolia doltsopa*).

The wood (which has a narrow band of greyish-white sapwood with shiny olive-brown heartwood) is used for manufacturing boards and plywood.

The tree was introduced to Australia in 1918.