

# *Averrhoa carambola*



It seems like you might be referring to "*Averrhoa carambola*," commonly known as starfruit.

## **Name of *Averrhoa carambola* in Indian languages:**

- 1.Hindi: Kamrakh
- 2.Tamil: Thambaratham
- 3.Telugu: Ambanamkaya
- 4.Malayalam: Vaazhapuli
- 5.Kannada: Ambanamkayi
- 6.Marathi: Karmal
- 7.Bengali: Kamranga

## **TAXONOMY:**

Kingdom: Plantae  
Clade: Tracheophytes  
Order: Oxalidales  
Family: Oxalidaceae  
Genus: *Averrhoa*  
Species: *A. carambola*



## USES

### 1. Culinary Uses:

- Starfruit is primarily consumed fresh, often sliced to reveal its starshaped cross-section.
- It is used in fruit salads, juices, jams, and preserves.

### 2. Medicinal Uses:

- : In traditional medicine, various parts of the starfruit tree are used for their supposed medicinal properties, including treating coughs, fevers, and skin ailments.

### 3. Other Uses:

- Averrhoa carambola is also cultivated as an ornamental tree for its attractive flowers and uniquely shaped fruits.

### Cultivation:

- Starfruit thrives in tropical and subtropical climates, requiring full sun and well drained, slightly acidic soil.
- It is propagated from seeds or cuttings, with young trees starting to bear fruit within 35 years.
- The tree is relatively tolerant of drought but benefits from regular watering during dry periods.
- Starfruit, known for its refreshing taste and distinctive appearance, is enjoyed in various culinary and cultural contexts across tropical regions. Its versatility in both fresh consumption and culinary applications makes it a popular fruit worldwide.

## Characteristics Feature

- Size: Averrhoa carambola is a small to medium sized evergreen tree, reaching heights of 512 meters (1639 feet).
  - Leaves: The leaves are compound, with 511 ovate to oblong leaflets that are bright green and glossy.
  - Flowers: Starfruit produces small, lilac to pink flowers with five petals, usually appearing in clusters.
  - Fruits: The fruit of Averrhoa carambola is starshaped, hence its name, and typically yellow to green when ripe. It has crisp, juicy flesh with a distinctive tart sweet flavour. Starfruit is consumed fresh or used in salads, beverages, and desserts.
  - Bark: The bark is brown and smooth.
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