

# Blue Gulmohar

**Botanical Name:** *Jacaranda mimosifolia*

**Common Name:** Kisii

**Family:** Bignoniaceae

**Hindi Name:** नीली गुलमोहर

**Part Used:** Flowers, leaves, bark, and wood

*Jacaranda mimosifolia* grows to a height of up to 20 m (66 ft). Its bark is thin and gray-brown, smooth when the tree is young but eventually becoming finely scaly. The twigs are slender and slightly zigzag; they are a light reddish-brown. The flowers are up to 5 cm (2 in) long, and are grouped in 30 cm (12 in) panicles. Blue Gulmohar, also known as Blue Jacaranda or Neeli Gulmohar, is a species of flowering tree (scientific name: *Jacaranda mimosifolia*) native to South America. Locations within which *Jacaranda mimosifolia* is naturalised include the warmer parts of eastern Australia, southern Africa, Hawaii, south-eastern USA and outside its native range in southern South America. *Jacaranda mimosifolia* can grow in bushland, grassland, wooded ravines and riverbanks. The spreading growth habit and the dense foliage shade out native plants and prevent their regeneration. It's recognized for its vibrant blue-purple flowers and lush, fern-like foliage. These trees are often used as ornamental trees in gardens and landscapes due to their beauty and ability to provide shade. *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, commonly known as the Jacaranda tree, has various medicinal and practical uses. It's used in traditional medicine for treating wounds, ulcers, and certain infections. Its wood is also valued for its decorative and functional properties, being used in carvings, guitars, and other woodcraft items.