

Dhok

Scientific name: *Anogeissus pendula*



A short to medium-sized native tree that forms pure forests on the steep, rocky slopes of Aravallis, adapting exceptionally well to the minimal rains and thin soil. It has very hard wood. Dhok is heavily grazed and often seen as a green mat over rocks. This tree's leaves that are brownish red in winter making the tree look nearly dead turn beautiful bright green in as spring approaches. These leaves are used to make a green dye and as fodder.

Flowers are similar to Vrindavan kadambas, small round clusters with prominent stamens. Fruits are green first turning maroon and finally into brown spherical heads with each seed ending in a short beak.