MEDIA FACTSHEET

Annex D

TREE PLANTING FOR CLEAN AND GREEN SINGAPORE 2026, IN SUPPORT OF ONEMILLIONTREES MOVEMENT

During Clean and Green Singapore Day on 21 November 2026, six native trees of two species — *Syzygium zeylanicum* and *Gardenia tubifera* — were planted near Kampung Admiralty's Woodlands Galaxy Community Club, contributing to the National Parks Board's OneMillionTrees movement.

The trees were planted by Minister for Health and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies Ong Ye Kung, Senior Minister of State for Education and Sustainability and the Environment Dr Janil Puthucheary, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth & Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment Goh Hanyan, Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment Melvyn Ong, and Mayor of North West District Alex Yam.

They were joined by Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education & Ministry of National Development and Adviser to Nee Soon Link GRC Grassroots Organisations (GROs) Syed Harun Alhabsyi, Adviser to Woodlands GROs Mariam Jaafar, Adviser to Sembawang West GROs Poh Li San, Adviser to Naval Base GROs Ng Shi Xuan, and Adviser to Canberra GROs Gabriel Lam.

Species information

Scientific name: *Syzygium zeylanicum*

Common name: Spicate Eugenia, Kelat Nasi Nasi, Kelat Nenasi, Gelam Tikus, Gelam Paya, Gelam Tikus Laut, Kelat Merah, 锡兰蒲桃

Family: Myrtaceae

Botanical Description:

Native distribution	From East Madagascar, through India, South China to Southeast Asia
Growth form	The tree can grow up to 5-18 metres tall in height.
Leaves	It has opposite, short-stalked leaves that are leathery, lance-shaped, 3–11 cm long by 1.1–5.5 cm wide, purplish pink when young, and each has a pointed leaf tip, 1 vein running parallel to the leaf margin, and 10–14 pairs of side veins. Mature leaves dark glossy green above, paler green below, with numerous secondary veins spaced 2-3 mm apart and at 80°-85° angle from

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	midvein, veins conspicuous on upper leaf surface and slightly raised on bottom surface, intramarginal vein indistinct and around 1mm from leaf's edge; young leaves purplish to brownish pink and very glossy.
Flowers	It produces bisexual flowers that are white, faintly fragrant, and found in up to 2.5–4 cm long flower clusters located at ends of its branches, or axils of its leaves.
Fruit	It produces fleshy fruits that are oblong or oblong-round, 0.5–0.7 cm long, white, and each contains 1 greenish seed. The small berries ripen from greenish to white (freckled with several brownish spots), persistent sepals on base, single seed, relatively thin pulp is soft and fleshy, with fresh scent reminiscent of the Jambu Air (*Syzygium aqueum*), eaten by birds, squirrels and fruit-eating animals.
Images of Spicate Eugenia (*Syzygium zeylanicum*)	Form  Photo credit: Boo Chih Min, NParks Flora & Fauna Web Leaves  Photo credit: Patricia Yap, NParks Flora & Fauna Web Fruit

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Scientific name: *Gardenia tubifera*

Common name: Water Gardenia, Golden Gardenia, Mentiong, Pekan Heran, Chempaka Utan, Delima Hutan

Family: Rubiaceae

Botanical Description:

Native distribution	Thailand, Peninsular Malaysia, Sumatra and Borneo
Growth form	It is a tree, up to 12 m tall with light grey-brown to dark brown smooth bark.
Leaves	Leaves are obovate, measuring (3.1–) 6.8 – 20.4 cm long and (1.4–) 2.9 – 7.7 cm wide, and in opposite arrangement. Each leaf has 9 – 16 pairs of lateral veins with hairy domatia in the axils on the lower leaf surface. The leaf tip is sharply pointed (acute) to tapering (cuneate) while the base is wedged shaped (cuneate). The stipule is fused and forming a cylindrical tubular structure (about 0.4 – 0.7 cm long) and minutely hairy (puberulent) on the outside. The stipule is often coated with resin. The tip of the stipule is slightly 2-lobed to subtruncate. The petiole is (0.2–) 0.9 – 2.1 cm long and covered with minute hairs.
Flowers	Flower occurs in solitary. They are fragrant and cream to yellow coloured. Fresh flowers are observed to be cream coloured and gradually turn orange yellow over time. It is salver-shaped with long slender tube, reaching up to 3.5 – 7.1 cm long, and 6 – 8 lobes, measuring 1.3 – 3.1 cm long. The flower is hairy at the throat and comprises of 6 – 9 stamens occurring between the flower lobes just below the throat. The style is glabrous while the stigma is club-like and protrudes out of the flower throat. Calyx is subtruncate, about 0.9 – 1.8 cm long, and loosely sheathing the corolla tube (0.5 – 0.8 cm wide at the apex). The surface of the calyx is smooth and without keels or rib. It is sometimes marked with longitudinal lines.
Fruit	The fruit is globose, measuring (2 –) 2.5 – 3 cm diameter, with a persistent calyx at the tip (up to 1.3 cm long). At maturity, the surface of the fruit remains smooth, and it splits open irregularly, revealing many seeds which are surrounded by bright yellow-orange pulp.

Images of Water Gardenia (*Gardenia tubifera*)	Form  Photo credit: Jessica Teo, NParks Flora & Fauna Web Leaves and flowers  Photo credit: Jolene Lim, NParks Flora & Fauna Web Fruit  Photo credit: Jessica Teo, NParks Flora & Fauna Web

ONEMILLIONTREES MOVEMENT

The OneMillionTrees movement is a key component of efforts to further restore nature into our urban landscape as we transform into a City in Nature. It aims to redouble Singapore's efforts to green its urban infrastructure on an unprecedented scale, to achieve the vision of making Singapore a City in Nature. As the lead agency for greenery in Singapore, NParks is working with the community to carry out the OneMillionTrees movement to plant a million more trees throughout the island by 2030, including streetscapes, gardens, parks and park connectors, nature reserves and nature parks.

The trees planted will help to mitigate the effects of climate change. Through habitat restoration and the strengthening of ecological connectivity through tree planting, we will be able to enhance ecosystem services such as carbon sequestration, temperature regulation and reduction of air pollution. The OneMillionTrees movement will also enhance health and community well-being by increasing Singaporeans' access to nature.

Since 2020, over 900,000 trees have been planted by NParks and the community. Together, we have planted trees along our streetscapes, on Jurong Island, and within our nature reserves, gardens, parks and park connectors.

These efforts include the support from donors, both individuals and organisations, that contribute via the Plant-A-Tree programme through NParks' registered charity and IPC, the Garden City Fund. In 2024, some of the organisations that have contributed to the OneMillionTrees movement include Microsoft Singapore, Mayer Marketing, Daikin Singapore, Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Jurongville Secondary School. Apart from donating, these organisations are also taking the lead in involving their stakeholders to create awareness about the OneMillionTrees movement and be a part of our City in Nature efforts. They are joined by other long-standing donors including AIA, Micron, Keppel, Shimizu, and many others.

<u>TreesSG Portal</u>

Members of the public can find out more about the OneMillionTrees movement by visiting the TreesSG portal for the following features:

1. Tree counter – to track our collective progress towards the one million trees target
2. Mailing list – to register one's interest (in tree planting) and receive updates on the movement by signing up for the mailing list
3. "Suggest an initiative" form – to submit proposals for community-led initiatives such as outreach and education efforts, organising planting events and designing planting plans
4. Plot-a-Tree function – to plot trees that have been planted by the community. Photos and messages to the tree can also be uploaded here

<u>Garden City Fund</u>

Corporate entities, individuals and organisations that wish to donate to tree-planting efforts can do so via the Garden City Fund's Plant-a-Tree programme. Every $300 donation will contribute to the planting of one tree, as well as support community and capacity programmes to support Singapore's natural heritage. Donors can plant the trees themselves or enable schools and other community groups to plant on their behalf. Through these community initiatives, individuals and organisations can play an active role in building a City in Nature, for future generations to enjoy. Link to Garden City Fund webpage: https://www.gardencityfund.gov.sg/

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