

Cinnamomum verum



Common Name: True cinnamon tree

Scientific Name: *Cinnamomum verum*

Family: Lauraceae

Cinnamomum verum, called true cinnamon tree or Ceylon cinnamon tree, is a small evergreen tree belonging to the family Lauraceae, native to Sri Lanka. The inner bark of several other *Cinnamomum* species is also used to make cinnamon, but *C. verum* has a subtler flavour that makes it preferred for certain recipes.

Economic Importance: Cinnamon (*Cinnamomum verum*) is an important spice and aromatic crop having wide applications in flavouring, perfumery, beverages and medicines. Volatile oils obtained by steam distillation of stem, bark, root bark, twigs and leaves are used in perfumery and the food industry.