

Banyan Tree

The 'National Tree of India' is the 'Banyan' Tree. It often refers specifically to the Indian banyan tree. The leaves are large, leathery, glossy green and elliptical in shape. The leaf bud is covered by 2 large scales.

The huge tree of Banyan towers over its neighbours and has the widest reaching roots of all known trees. Its size and leafy shelter are valued in India as a place of rest and reflection. The banyan tree is considered sacred. It is also known as Bargach, wata voiksh and Bush.