



Scientific name	<i>Citharexylum spinosum</i> L.
Common name	Florida fiddlewood and spiny fiddlewood, പാരിജാതം
Family	Verbenaceae
Plant description	It is a tree that reaches a height of up to 15 m . The ovate to elliptic leaves are 4–20 cm long and have orange petioles. Small white flowers are produced throughout the year on hanging axillary and terminal racemes and panicles 20–40 cm in length. The fruit are red to black subglobose drupes
Distribution	The native range of this species is Caribbean, Panama to N. South America. It is a shrub or tree and grows primarily in the wet tropical biome.
Uses	The strong and heavy wood of this plant are also the source of its name – it has long been used for musical instruments, including violins, guitars and others. The wood is used to make charcoal
Flowering season	Flowers are pendant and cover the tree from spring to fall.