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<b>BOTANICAL NAME</b>	<i>Plumeria obtusa</i> L.
<b>COMMON NAME</b>	Gulchin, White Frangipani
<b>FAMILY</b>	Apocynaceae



**DISTRIBUTION** *Plumeria obtusa* L. is native to the West Indies, Southern Mexico, the United States and South Asia.

**FUN FACT** In many Pacific islands, women can subtly declare their marital status by placing a *Plumeria* flower on the right ear signifying their single status or on the left to state that they are married.

**COMMON USES**

1. This is an ornamental plant and is grown for its flowers.
2. The bark of the tree is used as a diuretic.
3. In Asia, decoction of leaves is used for treating wounds and skin diseases. However, medical supervision is a must before using it for medical purpose.

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