

Scientific Name: *Bursera fagaroides*

Common Name: Torchwood Copal

Family: Burseraceae

Genus: *Bursera*

Species: *B. fagaroides*

Bursera fagaroides, commonly known as torchwood copal, is a fragrant tree from the Burseraceae family, native to arid regions of Mexico and Central America. Known for its characteristic peeling bark and aromatic resin, which is often used as incense, it can grow to about 10 meters in height. The resin, also called copal, has been traditionally used by indigenous cultures in rituals and for medicinal purposes. The tree's small, greenish-yellow flowers bloom in clusters, attracting pollinators, while its berries provide food for various wildlife. This hardy species is well-suited to dry, rocky soils and plays an important role in its native ecosystem.

