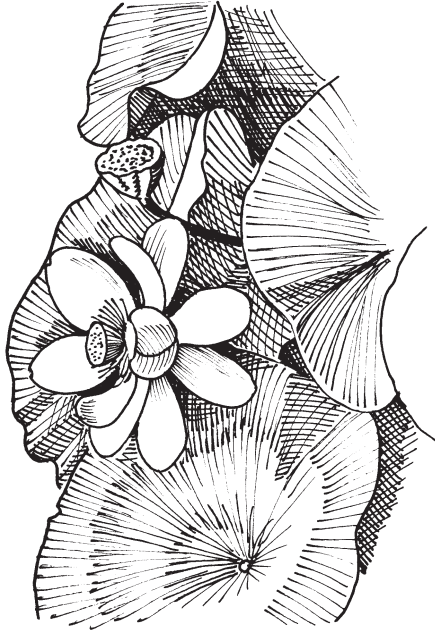


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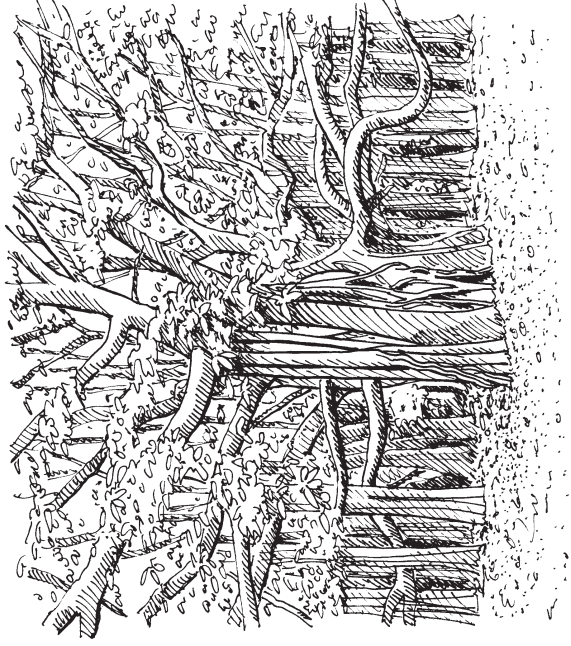
Lotus flower

The lotus flower grows in India's many lakes, marshes and wetland sanctuaries. It is a very important religious symbol to India's Hindus and Buddhists. The flower represents beauty, knowledge, purity, peace and grace.



Banyan tree

The Banyan tree is a massive type of tropical fig. It has long, dangling roots that spread from the length of its trunk. The Banyan tree represents immortality and is sacred. The biggest has a 420m-wide trunk and grows in West Bengal.



Mango fruit

In India, the mango is eaten fresh when it is rosy and golden. It is made into chutney when it is green. Find out at your local fruit stall or supermarket where our fruit comes from. Sometimes it is written on the labels of tinned fruit.

