

# The Sacred grove in Verkadavu

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Dhanesh Kumar, a young adivasi of the Kattunayakan community from Chembakolly village, reports "I don't have any difficulty in noting down the names of trees in a Kaavu (sacred grove). But in this Kaavu, there were so many different kinds of trees that I took very long to get all the names."

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