

鳳凰木 (Flame Tree)

Delonix regia

大型落葉喬木，原產地馬達加斯加，高度可達20米。於夏季月的花期鳳凰木滿樹紅花，像被烈火包圍，故中英文均有（火樹 Flame Tree）之稱，八至十月會結出黑色巨型莢果。在香港的行人道和公園內十分常見，鳳凰木與香港另一常見樹木藍花楹十分相似，在非花季時主要區分特徵為其樹葉，鳳凰木葉是二回偶數羽狀複葉而藍花楹葉是二回奇數羽狀複葉。

Flame Tree is a large deciduous tree species which is native to Madagascar. It can grow up to 20m. During the flowering period in summer, tree crowns are covered in red flowers resembling flames. It bears black pod fruits from late summer to autumn. Flame trees are commonly found in streets and parks in Hong Kong. *Delonix regia* looks similarly to another tree species - *Jacaranda mimosifolia*. Despite the difference in flower colour, the leaves of two species are distinguishing. Flame tree leaves are paripinnate while Jacaranda tree leaves are imparipinnate.

名稱 Common Name	鳳凰木 Flame Tree
品種名稱 Botanical Name	<i>Delonix regia</i>
科 Family	蘇木科 Caesalpiniaceae
花期 Flowering Period	二月至五月 February to May
果期 Fruiting Period	六月至八月 June to August
校園分佈位置 Where to find in CityU	中國花園、德智苑、籃球場、學生宿舍及山邊小徑 Chinese Garden, Tat Chee Yuen, Basketball Court, Student Residence, and Hillside Trail



花 flowers



鳳凰木(右)與藍花楹葉片比較
comparison of leaves between flame tree
(right) and Jacaranda tree



莢果 pod fruits