

洋紫荊 (Hong Kong Orchid Tree)

Bauhinia x blakeana

常綠喬木，香港原品種，可生長至10米高。葉片呈心形，主要在冬季盛開燦爛的紫花。洋紫荊具有展開的樹冠，於冬季紫色花朵佈滿樹冠，觀賞性很高。它與香港另一常見的樹種羊蹄甲的外觀十分相似，其中明顯的分別是洋紫荊不會結果(不育)而羊蹄甲則會結出莢果，而不育的洋紫荊主要靠無性繁殖方式培育(例如嫁接)，因此洋紫荊樹幹的上部分和下部分樹皮有明顯分別。洋紫荊於1880首次在香港薄扶林被發現，及後於1965年被選為香港的市花。

Hong Kong Orchid Tree is an evergreen native tree species which can grow up to 10 metres. Its leaves are heart-shaped and it blooms purple flowers during winter. It has a spreading tree crown and blooms abundantly with clusters of showy purple flowers, making it highly ornamental. Hong Kong Orchid Tree resembles Camel's Foot Tree (*Bauhinia variegata*). They differ in fruiting habit that Camel's Foot Tree produces pod fruits while Hong Kong Orchid Tree is sterile. Propagation of Hong Kong Orchid Tree relies on asexual reproduction (e.g. grafting), therefore its tree bark on trunk looks different between the upper section and lower section. This tree species was originally discovered in Pok Fu Lam in 1880, Hong Kong and was adopted as the city flower of Hong Kong in 1965.

名稱 Common Name	洋紫荊 Hong Kong Orchid Tree
品種名稱 Botanical Name	<i>Bauhinia x blakeana</i>
科 Family	蘇木科 Caesalpiniaceae
花期 Flowering Period	四月至十二月 April to December
果期 Fruiting Period	四月至十二月 April to December
校園分佈位置 Where to find in CityU	中國花園、李達三葉耀珍學術樓天台花園、劉鳴煒學術樓天台花園、德智苑及學生宿舍 Chinese Garden, Roof Garden of LI, Roof Garden of LAU, Tak Chee Yuen and Student Residence



花
flowers



葉 leaves



樹幹特徵
the trait on trunk

