

中文名: 宮粉羊蹄甲

學名: Bauhinia variegata 原產地:東南亞、華南以西至

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巴基斯坦及印度

香港觀賞勝地:遍佈全港, 特別是公園和郊野公園 Common name: Orchid tree/Camel's Foot tree

Scientific name: Bauhinia variegata

Origin: Southeast Asia, from Southern China west to

Pakistan and India

Viewing in HK: Throughout the territory, particularly

in parks and country parks

宮粉羊蹄甲是一種中小型落葉喬木,可高達10至12米,在春天綻放粉紅花朵。宮粉羊蹄甲與香港市花洋紫荊是同科及同屬的植物,兩者特徵相近,花朵皆酷似蘭花而且香味怡人,擁有心型雙瓣樹葉,與別不同。又因樹葉形狀似駱駝的足印,故英文亦稱Camel's Foot Tree。

Flowering in spring, *Bauhinia variegata* is an attractive small- to medium-sized deciduous tree that can grow to 10–12 m tall. It is in the same family and genus as *Bauhinia blakeana*, the floral emblem of Hong Kong. Both have the same characteristics with orchid-like flowers with a pleasant fragrance and large round twin-lobed leaves which are distinctive from other species. Because the leaf shape resembles the footprint of a camel, *Bauhinia variegata* is also called "Camel's Foot Tree".