



中文名：蓮(荷花)

學名：*Nelumbo nucifera*

原產地：亞洲

香港觀賞勝地：志蓮淨院、香港濕地公園和香港公園

Common name: Lotus

Scientific name: *Nelumbo nucifera*

Origin: Native in Asia

Viewing in HK: Chi Lin Nunnery, Hong Kong Wetland Park and Hong Kong Park

蓮花是一種用途很廣的水生植物，生長在亞洲及其他地區。除了別具文化、宗教意義外，蓮花也有重要的藥用和食用價值。它的葉子和花梗從泥下根莖伸出水面，象徵純潔和美麗。蓮花極具觀賞性，每年夏季開花，花瓣顏色有白色、粉紅色等，襯托在碧綠的蓮葉上，形態優雅而且氣味清香。

The lotus is a truly versatile aquatic plant of cultural, religious, medicinal and culinary significance throughout Asia and beyond. Growing from rhizomes embedded in soil bases of water bodies their long leaves and flower stalks emerge from the water, creating a symbol of beauty and purity. In its own right, it is also a beautiful ornamental species renowned for its graceful form with large pea green leaves and distinctive white to rosy-pink fragrant flowers that bloom in summer.