



**中文名:** 桃花

**學名:** *Prunus persica*

**原產地:** 中國

**香港觀賞勝地:** 馬鞍山公園、香港公園

**Common name:** Peach

**Scientific name:** *Prunus persica*

**Origin:** China

**Viewing in HK:** Ma On Shan Park, Hong Kong Park

對中國人來說，沒有桃花的農曆新年，實在美中不足。桃花於年初開花，其後才會長出葉子。本港花農會於新界培植這種美麗的年花，以應市場需求，此外，某些公園亦會種植桃花，供遊人觀賞。桃屬植物遍布世界各地，當中包括多種會開花結果的植物，例如櫻桃、李和杏。此外，桃仁亦有傳統藥用價值，能活血祛瘀、潤腸通便。

No celebration of Chinese New Year is complete without the use of this beautiful flowering plant that displays its attractive flowers early in the year before its foliage. The plant is cultivated in the New Territories to meet local demand and is also used as an ornamental plant in some parks. *Prunus*, the genus, contains many fruiting and flowering plants such as cherries, plums, almonds which are found and cultivated throughout the world. The Kernel (桃仁) of this plant also has traditional medicinal value to help blood circulation and digestion.