



## 戶外通識教室：森林之焰--鳳凰木

### Nature's Classroom: Flame of the Forest

鳳凰木又稱紅影樹或火樹；蘇木科落葉喬木，原產馬達加斯加，於1553年葡萄牙佔領澳門時傳入中國，最先引種至澳門鳳凰山，故得名。鳳凰木是香港最常見的賞花喬木，生長迅速，春夏間開花，唯8歲前不會開花。6-7月開花時全樹燃起一片鮮紅，故英文稱為「森林之焰」，當之無愧！其樹皮平滑；葉互生，偶數二回羽狀複葉，呈羽毛狀；枝葉向下垂；8-10月結長條形莢果，果為堅硬木質扁長形莢果，深褐色，外形扁平，像把日本刀，誤吃莢果內的種子會頭暈、腹痛。鳳凰木與藍花楹(Jacaranda 藍影樹)很相似，惟藍花楹之樹皮較粗略，複葉對生，結木質扁圓形蒴果。



#### Flame of the Forest (*Delonix regia*)

Also known as Flame Tree; or Phoenix Tree in Chinese. Exotic, originating in Madagascar. A fast growing deciduous tree. Blooming between June & July, red petals with stripes & set in aggregate. It has small pinnate compound leaf; dark brown long slender capsule fruits with many seeds. It does not blossom in the first 8 years.

