



戶外通識教室：日日櫻-漂亮的小紅花

Nature's Classroom: Rose-flowered jatropa--a pretty small flower

此小紅花因貌似櫻花般美麗，又因花期長，四季開花，故稱為日日櫻，別名木花、南洋櫻、琴葉櫻、紅花假巴豆。大戟科，原產西印度群島，為常綠小喬木或灌木，日日櫻株高1-2m。葉互生，卵形，長橢圓形至倒卵形，先端漸尖或銳尖，全緣而基部有2-3對尖刺。聚繖花序，花冠紅色，另有粉紅品種，花五瓣，果實青綠，熟後轉為黑褐色。葉片、種子、汁液有毒。誤觸有毒乳汁會引起水泡或膿皰，皮膚嚴重發炎，對眼睛亦極有毒害；誤食會造成噁心、腹瀉、吞嚥困難等症狀。



Rose-flowered jatropa

(*Jatropha pandurifolia* Andre)

Originating in West Indies, an ornamental flower, spreading shrub to 1-2m, its leaves & seeds contain potentially lethal toxin, causing bleeding lesions in the mouth, esophagus, stomach, and intestines. Its latex can cause violent vomiting & diarrhea.

