



戶外通識教室：豹皮樟葉質似豺狼的皮？

Nature's Classroom: Leaf texture feels like leather

相信一般人都不會有機會觸摸豺狼，故不會知道豺皮是怎樣子。不過，觸摸豹皮樟的葉子質感確有點像皮革。豹皮樟屬本地原生樟科常綠灌木或小喬木。葉互生，折斷其葉子時有陣陣清香。葉子多數叢生於樹枝的尖端，中脈起於葉底，葉面下部呈灰藍，開短柄淡黃小花長於莖端，漿果吸引本地野生生物、昆蟲和鳥類。



Oblong-leaved Litsea or Log-Leaved Litsea
(*Litsea rotundifolia* var. *oblongifolia*)

Known as “jackal’s pelt” in Chinese because its leaves are leathery in texture. Native, evergreen shrub to small tree with alternative leaves usually appear in cluster, at the apex of the branches. Its leaf has light fragrant smell when broken, lower leaf surface is in grey blue colour. Tiny pale yellow flowers emerge at the apex of stem with short petioles. Its juicy berry fruits are attractive to local wildlife, insects & birds.