

PLANTS NAMED AFTER HONG KONG



香港茶
*Camellia
hongkongensis* Seem.
(Hong Kong Camellia)

It is the native camellia with red flowers, blooming period from late Autumn to Spring. It was discovered in 1849 in Victoria Peak.

How many plants can you recognize?

With the efforts of researchers, new species have been continuously discovered in Hong Kong for the last 150 years. Some of them are named after characteristics or persons with the specific epithet as either *hongkongensis* or *hongkongense*.



香港杜鵑
Rhododendron hongkongense Hutch.
(Hong Kong Azalea)

The species was named after Hong Kong in 1930 and could be found in Ma On Shan and few other locations. The white to light red flowers usually appear in April.



秀英竹
*Arundinaria
shiuyingiana* Chia et But
(Shiuying Bamboo)

To recognize the contribution of Dr. Shiu-ying Hu in the area of Hong Kong flora, it is named in 1983. Small bamboo with internodes grey-green with purple speckles.



洋紫荊
Bauhinia x blakeana Dunn
(Hong Kong Orchid Tree)

This species is an evergreen tree which was first discovered at Pok Fu Lam around 1880. The flowering period is from November to March.

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