

# Hong Kong Orchid Tree (Common Name)

*Bauhinia x blakeana* (Scientific Name)



## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Canopy potential: 20' – 25' wide

Annual Growth Rate: 12" – 24"

Powerline Friendly: 20' – 40' from base

Root Damage Potential: Low

Leaves: Double-lobbed leaf is similar in shape to a heart or a butterfly. A typical leaf is 3.9 to 5.1 in wide, with a deep cleft dividing the apex.

Flowers: Striking purplish red flowers. The fragrant, orchard-like flowers are usually 3.9 to 5.9 in across, and bloom from early November to the end of March.



## ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Water Use: Moderate

Edible Fruit Producing: No

Allergenic: Low

BVOC Emissions: High

Sonoran Desert Native: No

Invasive Species: No

Tree Care: Plant in full sun or partial shade, in moist soil.

Ecosystem Services: Medical studies suggest the leaves have antioxidant properties that can prevent cell damage and restore the vitality of the body. The leaves can inhibit bacterial growth and can purge the body of bacteria that can cause many health complications.



