





Plants Identification Cards: Trees Tai Mo Shan Country Park



1. Chinese Name: 潤楠屬

Common Name: Machilus

Scientific Name: Machilus spp.



1A. Chinese Name: 短序潤楠

Common Name: Short-flowered Machilus

Scientific Name: Machilus breviflora

Shape: Evergreen medium-sized tree.

Stem: Greyish green.

Leaf: Simple and alternate, leathery or thin-leather, green upper side and grey under side, obovate-lanceolate, margin entire. Flower: Jul-Aug, yellowish green.

Fruit: Oct-Dec, globose and black.

Native species.



1B. Chinese Name: 浙江潤楠 / 長序潤楠 Common Name: Chekiang Machilus Scientific Name: Machilus chekiangensis

Shape: Evergreen medium-sized tree.Stem: Brown.Leaf: Simple and alternate, leathery or thin-leather, oblanceolate, margin entire.Flower: Feb, yellowish green.Fruit: Apr-May, globose and black.Native species.



1C. Chinese Name: 刨花潤楠 / 多脈潤楠

Common Name: Many-nerved Machilus

Scientific Name: Machilus pauhoi

Shape: Evergreen medium-sized tree. Stem: Brown.

Leaf: Simple and alternate, leathery, narrowly elliptic or oblanceolate, margin entire.

Flower: Feb, yellowish green.

Fruit: Apr-May, globose and black.

Native species.



2. Chinese Name: 木荷/荷樹

Common Name: Schima

Scientific Name: Schima superba

Shape: Evergreen big tree. Stem: Greyish brown or reddish brown with light fissure (裂紋). Leaf: Papery or leathery, oblong-elliptic with dentate margins. Flower: Jun-Aug, white and big. Fruit: Oct-Dec, woody, brown, globose capsule. Native species.



3. Chinese Name: 杉木

Common Name: China Fir

Scientific Name: Cunninghamia lanceolata

Shape: Tree; 50 m tall. Stem: Light grey to dark brown with longitudinal fissure (縱向裂紋). Leaf: Needles, long and narrowed, with green or white powder. Cone: Aug-Nov, green when young, dark brown when mature. Exotic species.



Stem: Brown and smooth. Leaf: Reduced to simple phyllodia, alternate, leathery, lanceolate, straight or slightly falcate. Flower: Mar-Oct, flowers numerous; golden-yellow. Fruit: Aug-Dec, dark brown and bean-like looking.

Exotic species.



5. Chinese Name: 山大刀 / 九節

Common Name: Wild Coffee

Scientific Name: Psychotria asiatica

Shape: Evergreen shrubs or small trees, 0.5–5 m tall.Stem: Greyish-brown with ring-like pattern.Leaf: Papery or sub-leathery; oblong with entire margin.Flower: Mar-Sep, dense clusters of green and white flowers.Fruit: Jun-Feb, red berry-like fruit when mature.Native species.



6. Chinese Name: 韓氏蒲桃 / 紅鱗蒲桃

Common Name: Hance's Syzygium

Scientific Name: Syzygium hancei

Shape: Evergreen medium-sized tree or shrub. Stem: Reddish, longitudinally fissured (縱向裂紋). Leaf: Simple and alternate, leathery, obovate to oblong, margin entire. Flower: Jul-Sep, sessile and yellow. Fruit: Nov-Jan, globose. Native species.



7. Chinese Name: 白楸

Common Name: Turn-in-the-wind

Scientific Name: Mallotus paniculatus

Shape: Evergreen small-sized tree or shrub, 3–15m tall.Stem: Greyish-brown and smooth.Leaf: Simple and alternate, heart-shaped, green upped side and pale under side.Flower: Jul-Oct, tiny and white flowers.Fruit: Nov-Dec, black.Native species.



8. Chinese Name: 八角楓

Common Name: Chinese Alangium

Scientific Name: Alangium chinense

Shape: Deciduous small-sized tree or shrub.Stem: Brown.Leaf: Simple and opposite, elliptic or ovate, margin entire.Flower: May-July and Sep-Oct, yellow and white.Fruit: Jul-Nov, drupe, black when mature.Native species.



9. Chinese Name: 濕地松 / 愛氏松

Common Name: Slash Pine

Scientific Name: Pinus elliottii

Shape: Evergreen large-sized tree. Stem: Bark grey or dull reddish brown. Leaf: Needles 2 or 3 per bundle, margin finely serrulate (鋸齒). Cone: Conical or ovoid. Exotic species.



- 10. Chinese Name: 豺皮樟
- Common Name: Litsea

Scientific Name: Litsea rotundifolia var. oblongifolia

Shape: Evergreen small-sized tree or shrub. Stem: Bark always with brown blotch (斑塊). Leaf: Simple and alternate, leathery, ovate-rounded, margin entire. Flower: Aug – Sep, yellow Fruit: Sep – Nov, globose, greyish bluish black when mature. Native species.



11. Chinese Name: 老鼠刺 / 鼠刺

Common Name: Itea

Scientific Name: Itea chinensis

Shape: Evergreen small-sized tree or shrub.Stem: Brown and smooth.Leaf: Simple and alternate, thinly leathery, obovate or ovate-oblong.Flower: Apr-May, white.Fruit: Jun-Aug, capsule.Native species.





13. Chinese Name: 珊瑚樹

Common Name: Sweet Viburnum

Scientific Name: Viburnum odoratissimum

Shape: Evergreen small-sized tree or shrub.

Stem: Reddish brown with conspicuous lenticel.

Leaf: Simple and opposite, thickly papery; upper side shiny green and underside sometimes sparsely dotted with dark-red small glands, elliptic or obovate.

Flower: Mar-Apr, white.

Fruit: Oct-Dec, drupe, red and turns into black when mature. Native species.



14. Chinese Name: 簕欓花椒 / 簕欓

Common Name: Prickly Ash

Scientific Name: Zanthoxylum avicennae

Shape: Deciduous small-sized tree. Stem: Bark dark grey to brownish grey, branches solid, shortly spiny. Leaf: Odd-pinnated(奇數羽狀複葉), 11-21 leaflets opposite, obovate. Flower: Jun-Aug, yellow, petiole sometimes purplish red. Fruit: Oct-Dec, globose and purplish red. Native species.

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In order to increase the teacher's confidence in identifying tree. Tree plaque with number tag are provided at the survey site. The list below provided all of the tree species. When students are encountering difficulties in identifying trees, the teacher can use the list to confirm the tree species and gives students tips, instead of providing the entire list for students to conduct their survey.

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For more detail and photos of each species, please visit: https://www.herbarium.gov.hk/en/home/index.html