

Bauhinia blakeana

(Hong Kong Orchid Tree, Blake's Butterfly Tree)

Hong Kong Orchid Tree is a small, broad tree with large, blue-green leaves and orchid-like blooms in multiple shades. This species is sterile and so does not produce fruit. It does well in hot and dry climates.

They tend to suffer from nutritional deficiencies, and the wood is weak and susceptible to breakage, but otherwise are very desirable in the urban landscape.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

<b>Pronunciation:</b> bah-HIN-ee-uh blay-kee-AY-nuh
<b>Plant Type:</b> Tree
<b>Origin:</b> Hybrid Origin, Hong Kong
<b>Heat Zones:</b> 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
<b>Hardiness Zones:</b> 10, 11, 12, 13
<b>Uses:</b> Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Border Plant, Container, Shade, Windbreak, Wildlife, Street, Pollution Tolerant / Urban, Reclamation
<b>Size/Shape</b>
<b>Growth Rate:</b> Fast
<b>Tree Shape:</b> Round, oval, Vase
<b>Canopy Symmetry:</b> Irregular
<b>Canopy Density:</b> Medium
<b>Canopy Texture:</b> Coarse
<b>Height at Maturity:</b> 5 to 8 m, 8 to 15 m
<b>Spread at Maturity:</b> 5 to 8 meters
<b>Time to Ultimate Height:</b> 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

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### Botanical Description

#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Palmate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 10 - 20

**Leaf Shape:** Orbiculate

**Leaf Margins:** Lobate, Cleft

**Leaf Textures:** Medium

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green, Blue-Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 10 - 20

**Flower Type:** Solitary

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Red, Purple, Pink

**Seasons:** Summer, Fall, Winter

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Has Crownshaft:** False

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Suspected to breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked, Can be trained to one trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy, Smooth

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#### Fruit

**Seasons:** Summer, Fall, Winter

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Leaf Image

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part, Shade

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** Yes

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** 25-50 years

**Diseases:** Leaf Spots, Physiological

**Edible Parts:** None

**Pests:** Mites, Caterpillars, Borers

**Plant Propagations:** Cutting, Layering

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Fruit Image



Bark Image



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