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.