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Castanopsis

(裂斗錐栗)

學名：*Castanopsis fissa*

原產地：香港、中國、泰國及越南

Scientific name : *Castanopsis fissa*

Origin : Hong Kong, China,
Thailand and Vietnam

蠟荊錐是本地原生的常綠喬木，每年春末綻放著一束束米黃色的小花，形態如一一串煙花般燦爛盛放，十分奪目。蠟荊錐的果實是一顆卵形的橡實，內藏著堅果並由許多鱗片包裹而組成，它如很多殼斗科的橡實般也含有豐富的澱粉質。由於蠟荊錐生長迅速又能夠適應貧瘠土壤，故被廣泛應用於郊野公園植林優化及改善土壤侵蝕的種植計劃中。✿

Castanopsis fissa (*Castanopsis*) is an evergreen tree species native to Hong Kong. In late spring, the tree canopy comes into blossom with bunches of eye-catching small beige coloured flowers which resemble blazing fireworks. The fruit of *Castanopsis* is an egg-shaped acorn composed of a nut which is closely wrapped with scales. The acorns of *Castanopsis*, like many species of Fagaceae, are rich in starch. Due to its fast-growing ability and ready establishment in poor soil, *Castanopsis* has been widely used in the Country Park Plantation Enhancement Scheme and for soil erosion control. ✿