

桂花 (Sweet Olive)

Osmanthus fragrans

長綠喬木或灌木，中國西南部原生植物，高度可達18米。於秋季至翌年都是開花期，並在三月會結出紫黑色核果，在春季可見其嫩葉呈現紅色。桂花常見於園林造景之中，遠在西漢時代已有記載，而基於其花朵香氣以及易於園藝打理，喬木及灌木的桂花亦十分普及在現代園林。其花朵亦常用於食品之中如甜品和釀酒等。

Sweet Olive is an evergreen tree or shrub which is native to Southwest China. It can reach a height of up to 18 m. Its flowering period is from autumn to spring next year and it produces purple-black drupes in March. Its young leaves turn red in the spring. Sweet Olive has been introduced in garden landscapes since Han Dynasty. Owing to its fragrance and ease of gardening, it is widely adopted as trees and shrubs in modern gardens. Its flowers are commonly used in food such as in desserts and wine-making.

名稱 Common Name	桂花 Sweet Olive
品種名稱 Botanical Name	<i>Osmanthus fragrans</i>
科 Family	木犀科 Oleaceae
花期 Flowering Period	十月至五月 October to May
果期 Fruiting Period	來年三月 March of the following year
校園分佈位置 Where to find in CityU	校園及宿舍各處 campus and residential quarters



花 flowers



灌木形態 shrub form



喬木形態 tree form



葉 leaves