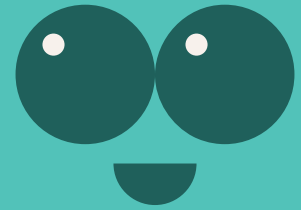


Camphor Tree

Scientific name : *Cinnamomum camphora*



English name : Camphor Tree

Family : Lauraceae

Native Distribution : Native species

Origin : Widely distributed in various provinces south of the Yangtze River in China, as well as in Korea, Japan, and Vietnam.

Growth habits : Evergreen tree with a broad crown.

Leaf : Single alternate leaves, oval to elliptical, sharply pointed at the tip, with distinct three primary veins at the base and a prominent midrib. The texture is nearly leathery, with entire margins, sometimes wavy. Before falling, the leaves transition from green to orange-red to deep red.

Flowers : Green-white to yellow-green in color.

Fruit : A drupe is purplish-black and nearly spherical when ripe.

Tree characteristics : The entire plant has a camphor smell in all parts, which is one of its distinguishing features. Due to its broad crown, dense branches, and lush leaves, it is an excellent ornamental tree. Its essential oil can be distilled to produce camphor and camphor oil, used in folk medicine, perfumes, and insect repellents. As a traditional Chinese medicine, all parts of the plant can be used for their antibacterial properties, but patients with Favism should not come into contact with it. Its wood can be used to make furniture, statues, boats, etc.

Flowering period : March to May

Fruit period : September to October

Ecology : Patients with Favism may experience discomfort.