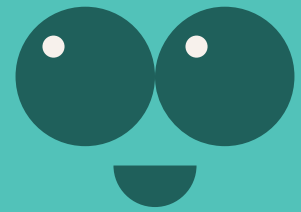


Elephant's Ear / Common Macaranga



Scientific name : *Macaranga tanarius*



English name : Elephant's Ear / Common Macaranga

Family : Euphorbiaceae

Native Distribution : Native species

Origin : Guangdong Province and Taiwan

Growth habits : Evergreen tree

Leaf : Nearly circular to oval in shape, with shield-shaped leaf stalks, resembling shields, and paper-like leaf texture.

Flower : The plant is dioecious, with flowers in light green color.

Fruit : Capsule, green, nearly spherical.

Tree characteristics : It can grow up to 10 meters in height. The main trunk is short, with low branches, and the bark is gray. The twigs are stout and covered with a white frost.

Flowering period : April to May

Fruit period : June to August

Ecology : One of the native plants in the region, it grows rapidly and has strong adaptability. Its native habitat is coastal and low-altitude forests. It is also planted in gardens and often seen in the open and vacant lands in urban areas of Hong Kong. It is sometimes called "Elephant's Ear" due to its leaf shape resembling elephant ears.