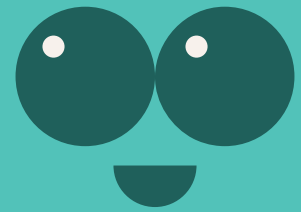


Jackfruit

Scientific name : *Artocarpus heterophyllus*



English name : Jackfruit

Family : Moraceae

Native Distribution : Invasive species

Origin : India

Growth habits : Evergreen trees

Leaf : Elliptical to obovate, leathery, spirally arranged. The leaf surface is dark green and shiny, and the bottom of the leaf is light green and slightly rough.

Flower : Hermaphrodite. Male inflorescences are cylindrical to rod-shaped ellipses, borne on twigs or in short-leaf axils; female inflorescences are fleshy, axillary, and spherical, borne on the trunk or main branches. The inflorescence is concealed within the leaf sheath of the Buddha's flame bud when young. The flowers are small and dense.

Fruit : Large polyflower fruit, oval to spherical or irregular shape, with most tight and hard hexagonal nodular convex and coarse hairs on the surface, commonly known as "big tree pineapple" because of its shape. Yellow-green when young, yellow-brown when ripe.

Tree characteristics : The height can reach 20 meters, so the old tree often has broad roots to support the whole tree.

Flowering period : March to August

Fruit period : June to November

Ecology : Edible, a seasonal fruit in summer, is often called "Big Tree Pineapple" in Hong Kong.