

水石榕或稱海南膽八樹/倒掛美人

Hainan Elaeocarpus





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Where can they be seen?

Approximately 4-5 Hainan Elaeocarpus ("水石榕") trees are located in the podium garden between Blocks B3-B4

Features

Named the word banyan ("榕") in Chinese) but it is not actually associated with the banyan tree.

- Leaves: Glabrous branchlets, narrowly lanceolate or oblanceolate leaves clustered at twig apices
- Flowers: White petals, obovate, hairy, apex laciniate. Many stamens, prolonged connective, tomentose disc
- Fruits: Fusiform drupe, hard endocarp with 2 ventral sutures
- Flowering: June to July in Hong Kong (about 1 month)

Ecology and Application

- Blooming occurs in June and July, attracting bees and butterflies
- With smooth branches and fruits that attract wildlife, aiding in ecosystem diversity
- Popular horticultural plants in garden landscaping