**Hong Kong Orchid Tree** (Common Name)

**Bauhinia x blakeana** (Scientific Name)

**PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Canopy potential: 20’ – 25’ wide

Annual Growth Rate: 12” – 24”

Powerline Compatible: 20’ – 40’ from base

Root Damage Potential: Low

Leaves: Double-lobed leaf is similar in shape to a heart or a butterfly. A typical leaf is 3.9 to 5.1 in wide, with a deep cleft dividing the apex.

Flowers: Striking purplish red flowers. The fragrant, orchid-like flowers are usually 3.9 to 5.9 in across, and bloom from early November to the end of March.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Water Use: Moderate

Edible Fruit Producing: No

Allergenic: Low

BVOC Emissions: High

Sonoran Desert Native: No

Invasive Species: No

Tree Care: Plant in full sun or partial shade, in moist soil.