



Tree Tales: Orchid Tree

Introduced



Other Names:

Bauhinia, Cow's Hoof Tree, Butterfly Tree, Camel's Foot

Leaves and Flowers:

The bi-lobed, leathery leaves can fold up, like a clam or butterfly, if it is too hot, dry or sunny. The orchid-like flowers are fragrant, five petaled flowers called 'perfect flowers', which means they have male and female parts on the same flower.

Fruit:

Seed pods start out green, turn brown and when fully dry, spring open, each half forming a spiral, which release flat brown seeds.