



## 戶外通識教室：洋金鳳-紅蝴蝶

### Nature's Classroom: A Scarlet & Yellow Butterfly

蘇木科的蛺蝶花，又名番蝴蝶、洋金鳳、金鳳花，以花取勝，當花盛開時，花瓣五裂，那鮮橙紅色的花瓣像蝶翼，而長長的花絲就像蝴蝶的觸角，因此又稱為「紅蝴蝶」。此花有兩大特長：(一)花梗長，約8cm；(二)花絲細長、突出、呈淡紅色，長度為花瓣3至4倍。蛺蝶花為常綠灌木，羽狀複葉，樹性強健，生長迅速。花四季常開。葉是輕瀉劑，能引致小產。根也含有毒性。



Parado Spride, Dwarf Poincinana,  
Red Bird of Paradise

(*Caesalpinia pulcherrima*)

Tropical plant, deciduous shrub, brilliant scarlet and yellow flowers, feathery foliage, and quick growth make it a popular evergreen shrub. It is hard to find a more attractive flower. Also known as Barbados Flower-Fence, this open-branched, fine-textured shrub will tolerate hot, dry areas, and forms an effective thorny barrier. It flowers year-round with peak displays in spring and fall.