



戶外通識教室：簕欖花椒引來狂蜂浪蝶

Nature's Classroom: Big-leaf Prickly Ash (*Zanthoxylum avicennae*)

簕欖花椒，又名狗花椒，常綠小喬木，本地原生種。木質堅硬，樹幹長滿粗銳尖刺，故別號「鷹不泊」，指樹幹上尖刺令雀鳥不能停留。鄉下人叫盲雞欖，削去可當手杖；或用作製成搗漿棍在砂盆搗磨芝麻糊、杏仁糊。其根和葉均有藥用價值，可祛風、化濕和消腫。秋季會盛開淡黃綠色花朵，吸引蝴蝶採蜜，尤以鳳蝶。冬季結褐色或紫色果實，帶辛辣味。



圖中的簕欖花椒吸引 20 多隻黃襟蛺蝶採蜜

More than 20 Rustics (*Cupha erymanthis*) are collecting nectar



Small native evergreen tree with big sharp thorns on the stem. In the old days, villagers were used to shave off the pricks to make it a walking stick, or trim it as a wooden bat to crush sesame seeds/almond for making famous Cantonese dessert.