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*Mangifera indica* L.

Chinese Name :	芒果	
English name:	Mango	
Family:	Anacardiaceae	
Scientific name:	<i>Mangifera indica</i> L.	
Morphology / Features:	Tall regular-shaped evergreen shade tree, reaching a height of about 27 metres with a large crown of dark green luxuriant foliage.	
Bark:	The bark is greyish brown, shallowly cracked with broad flat ridges, with a soft dull yellow layer under the dead outer bark.	
Leaves:	Leaves alternate, simple, elliptical, 15 - 40 x 5 - 8 cm. Leaf apex acute, base blunt or rounded, margin entire, often wavy . Leaf texture firm, surfaces smooth and hairless, the leaf when crushed smells of mango (or somewhat of turpentine). Leaf stalk to 5 cm.	
Flowers:	Flowering in Spring. Flowers fragrant, small, (about 1 cm across) in large branching clusters at the ends of the branches; regular, bisexual or unisexual but together on one tree. Calyx four or five-part, falling early; corolla of four or five free petals, greenish yellow to pink, striped yellow, fertile stamens one , ovary superior, one-celled, with the style arising from the side .	
Seed:	Fruit fleshy, yellow, 5-15 cm long, with one large flattened stone. The mangoes of the market are largely imported from the Philippines.	

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