

PLUMERIA

雞蛋花



Botanical Name:

Plumeria alba

Family | Genus:

Apocynaceae | Plumeria

Location in TSM:

Contentment Garden

One of the six flowers in Buddhism. The Jataka tales record that in one of his past lives, the Buddha was a tree spirit residing in a Plumeria tree.



The tree spirit witnessed a heron by the pond, which used the excuse of helping fish to convert the pond to devour nearly all the fish and even intended to eat the crabs. However, the crab cleverly escaped by pinching the heron's throat and severing it. The tree spirit reflected that cunning can never prosper in the long term; those who sow evil will reap evil. Therefore, the Plumeria serves as a reminder to Buddhist practitioners to maintain right understanding and be aware of cause and effect.