

several years before dying out. Their native range is northern and eastern China (Carey et al. 2001).

AMPHIBIANS/REPTILES

James Hopkinson came across a **Burmese Python** at least 3 m long (*Python molurus bivittatus*) at around 10.30 pm on 15 December 2002, on the road between Shek O and Central.

Emma Long, Cecily Law, Roger Kendrick, Will Trehwella, Kevin Caley and Jacqui Weir noticed eggs of the **Hong Kong Cascade Frog** (*Amolops hongkongensis*) on rocks under the largest waterfall at Ng Tung Chai. The eggs were seen on 23 March 2003.

PLANTS

Billy Hau and Katie Chick found a very peculiar flowering tree along Black's Link on 13 February. It was later identified by Ng Sai Chit as the rare *Sycopsis dunnii*. No flower specimen has ever been collected for this species in Hong Kong. It was previously recorded on Ma On Shan, Tai Mo Shan, Tan Chuk Hang and Sunset Peak. This represents a lowland record (330 m) of this montane forest species and the first for Hong Kong Island.



Fig.2. *Sycopsis dunnii* (Copyright: Billy Hau)

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