

Brachychiton acerifolius

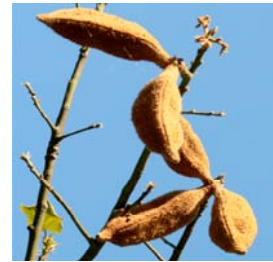
Illawarra Flame Tree



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Brachychiton acerifolius in flower



Origin	Disjunct populations are found from the Cape York Peninsula southwards to the Shoalhaven region of New South Wales, but the greatest concentration of the population is in the dryer areas of the Illawarra Range.
Habit	Typically 10-15m x 8-10m
Description	Semi-deciduous, maple-like foliage and fantastic flower display of masses of bright scarlet flowers that come out just before Christmas. These flowers are frequently followed by long follicle fruits.
Tolerances	Succeeds in many conditions
Notes	The fruits don't seem to have the itchy character found with <i>B. populneus</i> .
Root space	Based on mature size tree would require approximately 47m ³ root volume (Crown projection method).
Availability	Common.

Reference: Spencer, R. 1997, *Horticultural flora of south-eastern Australia, Volume 2*, University of New South Wales Press.

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