

Botanical Name: Spathodea campanulata

Common Name: African tulip tree, Flame-of-the-forest

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character semi-deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, oval tree with ascending branches. Branches and trunk are ridged -- brilliant flowers held at branch tips

Height 30-70' Spread 20-30' Growth Rate mod-rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun - tends to perform poorly in shade

Soil prefers good drainage

Hardiness tender -- zones 23, 24

Morphology:

Leaves oppositely arranged, med. to dark green, odd pinnately compound, 7-19 leaflets per leaf, deeply veined with rusty pubescence

Flowers large, erect trumped-shaped flowers in late summer -- brilliant orange-red

Fruit canoe-shaped capsule 6-9" long, flattened

Propagation: seed, softwood cuttings

Usage: brilliant flowering accent tree for tropical or sub-tropical landscapes, large tree for large landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering

Fertilizing balanced fertilizer in spring when young

Pruning remove dead branches, weak growth in winter

Pests/Diseases none major

Special Conditions tender to frost at young age; blooms after 10-15 years

Origin: trop Africa Family: Bignoniaceae