

Botanical Name: Schotia brachypetala

Common Name: Tree fuchsia, Weeping boer-bean

Type of Plant: dicot; tree Family Fabaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape dense rounded tree with vivid spikes of scarlet-red flowers
in spring; flowers attract birds and can produce sticky nectar

Height 40 to 50' Spread 30 to 40' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred

Soil thrives in well-drained soils; prefers somewhat dry conditions

Hardiness some frost (zones 15-17, 20-24)

Morphology:

Leaves even pinnately compound with 4-8 pairs of 3/4" to 1" leaflets
somewhat sparsely set on leaves; some leaves have a bronzy red tone

Flowers masses of rich, scarlet-red flowers in panicles; stamens
protrude well past petals; copious nectar is produced from the flowers

Fruit woody, dark brown flattened pods to 4" long, 1" wide

Propagation: seed, mallet cuttings

Usage: excellent accent tree for intensely colored flowers, but
sap production makes it somewhat unsuitable for areas where cars might park or
hardscape might be discolored

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerant of drought, but grows best with regular watering;
grows with difficulty in water-logged soils

Fertilizing slow-release at planting time; balanced fertilizer as needed

Pruning head high and encourage spreading canopy branches

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other _____

Origin: southern Africa - Zimbabwe, Namibia