

Botanical Name: Brachychiton discolor (Sterculia platanifolia)

Common Name: Pink Flame Tree

Type of Plant: dicot:tree Character deciduous (spring)

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright, usually single-trunked tree, with ascending  
and spreading branches, forming a broadly pyramidal canopy that becomes more  
rounded with age

Height 20'-50' Spread 2/3 to equal Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred; tolerates partial sun at inland locales

Soil well-draining loam soils; avoid poorly drained clay

Hardiness some frost (zones 16-23): thrives in warm coastal locations

Morphology:

Leaves palmate, alternate (often crowded towards branch tips);  
3-5 lobed, sycamore-like, 6"-12" long and as broad; petioles are 2"-6" long

Flowers pink, bell-shaped, 1/4"-1/2" long, in terminal 3"-6"  
panicles

Fruit a follicle; 2"-4" long, dark brown

Propagation: seed

Usage: an accent tree for its flowers and foliage; used as shade

Landscape Care:

Watering regular preferred if drainage is good

Fertilizing balanced, in late spring

Pruning head high when young if access under canopy is desired

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: China Family: Sterculiaceae