

Spathodea campanulata

(African tulip tree, Flame-of-the-forest)

African tulip tree is a large, fast growing evergreen tree, native to the area of sub-Saharan Africa. It has an oval to round, coarse canopy. It has red flowers that are showy, and attractive to insects and birds.

To be grown in fertile, well drained soil, in full sun. Requires little watering, as it's heat, drought and salt tolerant.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Baton du sorcier

Arabic Name: شجرة التوليب الأفريقية

Pronunciation: spath-OH-dee-uh kam-pan-yoo-LAH-tuh

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Africa

Heat Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Specimen, Shade

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Round, oval

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 15 to 23 m

Spread at Maturity: 8 to 10 meters, 10 to 15 meters

Notes

Attracts birds, hummingbirds, bees, butterflies

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Odd Pinnately compound

Leaf Blade: 30 - 50

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Glossy

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 10 - 20

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Orange, Red

Seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked, Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Smooth, Fissured, Colored

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 10 - 20, Over 20 cm

Fruit Colors: Brown

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting, Grafting

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Bark Image



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