Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower buds, flowers, and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest Plants Key



Pods. Photographers Forest and Kim Starr, Hawaii, USA



Leaves. Photographers Forest and Kim Starr, Hawaii, USA



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Dorrigo

Common name

Illawarra flame tree, Flame tree

Family

Malvaceae

Where found

Rainforest. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands, north from Nowra. Often in gardens.

Notes

Tree to 35 m tall, **deciduous**. Bark finely fissured and **tessellated**. Stems hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 9-30 cm long, 50-170 mm wide, **entire** to 3- or 5-lobed, hairless, tips pointed. Male and female flowers on the same tree. Flowers 10-25 mm long, bright red, tubular, with 5 lobes. Flowers in branched clusters of 100-200 flowers, produced in spring on leafless branches.

Family was Sterculiaceae.

PlantNET description: http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl? page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Brachychiton~acerifolius (accessed 5 January, 2021)

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