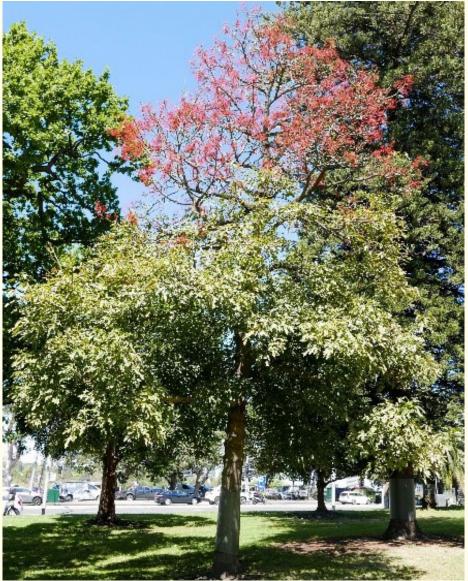
## Illawarra Flame Tree Brachychiton acerifolius



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#### Origin

Occurs in NSW rainforests, Illawarra district northwards.

## **Characteristics**

Deciduous to semi-deciduous tree. Clusters of dense, red bellshaped flowers in late spring when tree is leafless. Leaves glossy green, shape very variable but generally either entire or 3-5 lobed with blades 10-25cm long. Fruit capsules large, leathery, boat-shaped.

## Tolerances

Drought tolerant.



### Description

Typical height: 10-12 metres

Typical width: 8-10 metres

Growth rate: Moderate to slow

Typical form: Tall pyramidal tree on stout, tapering trunk. Spreading, often weeping branches.

### Facts and Trivia

Indigenous people used fibre from inner bark to make twine for fishing.

Cold Chisel's iconic song 'Flame Trees' refers to this species; Don Walker being inspired by the tree's vibrant colour and prominence in and around Grafton, northern NSW.

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