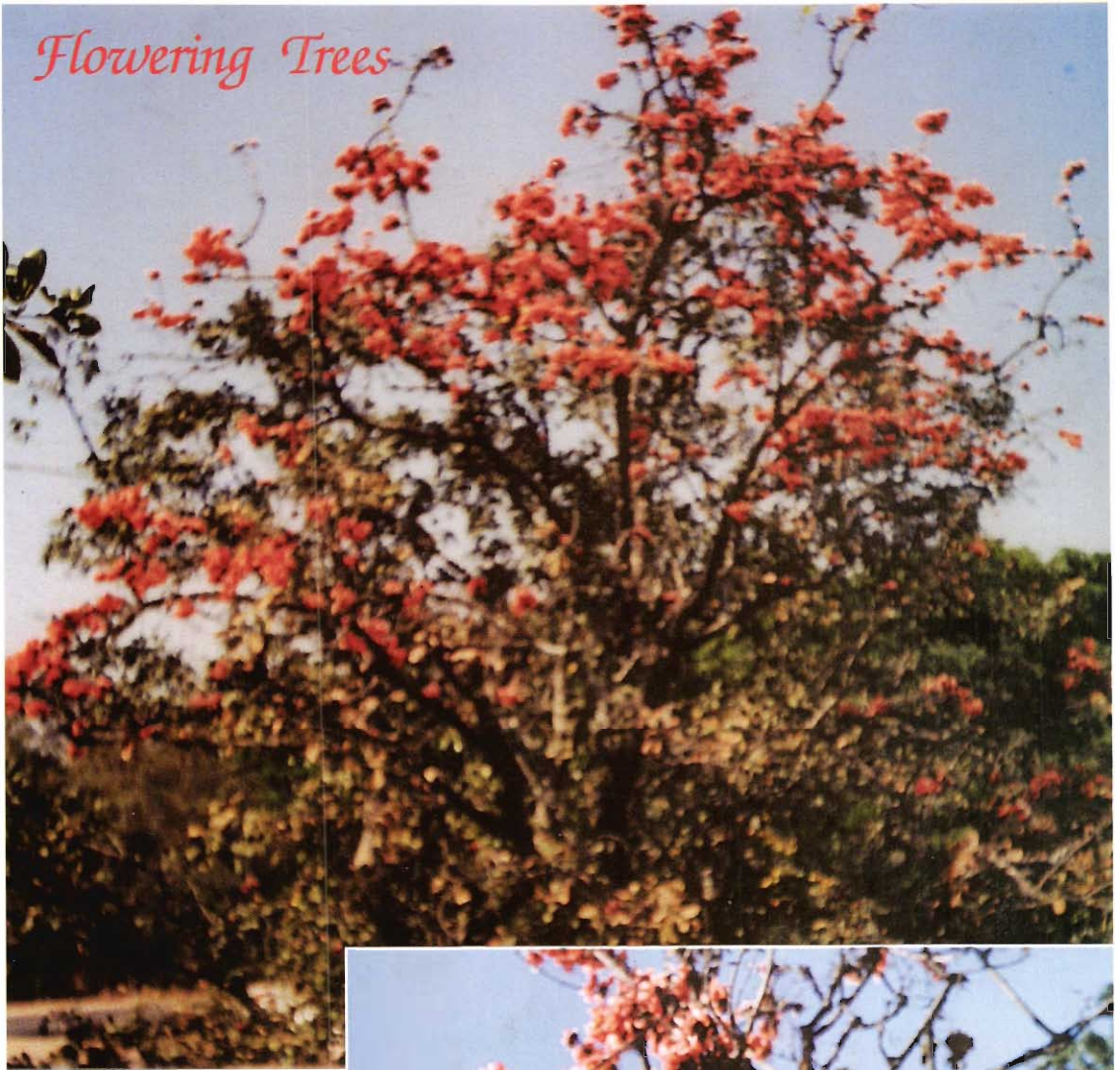


Flowering Trees



Butea monosperma (Lam.)
Taub. Syn. *B. frondosa*
(Hindi: Dhak) of Legu-
minosae is a medium-sized
tree which is highly orna-
mental when in bloom. The
flowers are bright red or
orange in color.



The tree is a host of lac
insects which secrete a resinous substance that yields shellac or lac. A ruby-coloured gum
known as Bengal Kino is collected from the incisions made in the bark. The wood, resistant
to water, is used in water-well work. The seeds are used as anthelmintic and as an antidote
for snake-bite.