



## Flowering Trees

*Pseudobombax ellipticum* (H.B.&K.) Dug. (Shaving Brush Tree) of Bombacaceae is a large deciduous tree with stout green trunk. Leaves are palmately compound with five leaflets, which are wine-red when young. Flowers appear following leaf-fall. They are large (10 cm), showy with five, long strap-like purplish or white petals. Stamens are many, silky and long, giving the flower the appearance of a shaving brush.

*P. ellipticum* trees are often cultivated in gardens and parks for their attractive flowers and foliage.