



Flowering Trees

Amherstia nobilis Wall., Pride of Burma of Caesalpiniaceae is a moderate size evergreen tree with a round-topped low crown of spreading branches and dense green foliage. Leaves are pinnate compound, long and exceptionally handsome when young, the leaflets hanging in brown-pink tassels. Flowers are rather large, beautiful and look like humming birds, each mounted on a slender intensely red stalk and arranged into long, drooping, candelabra-like sprays. Stamens are ten with long filaments. The young pods are brilliant crimson.

The plant's name was given in honour of Sarah, Countess of Amherst, wife of the governor of Myanmar; *nobilis*, on account of the exquisite beauty of the flowers.