



## Flowering Trees

*Brachychiton acerifolius* F. Muell., commonly called as the Illawarra flame tree is a member of Malvaceae family and is native to sub-tropical parts of Australia. Due to its spectacular flowers and tolerance to wide range of climates, it's now cultivated all over the world for its beauty. The tree produces flowers during the spring when it is leafless. The bell-shaped scarlet-colored flowers are borne in large inflorescences. The specific epithet refers to maple (*Acer*)-like leaves which appear after the flowering season.