



SCARLET CORDIA

(*Cordia sebestera*)

This is a native of Florida, tropical America, and the West Indies. It is a showy tree when in bloom, consequently it has been cultivated as an ornamental in many tropical countries.

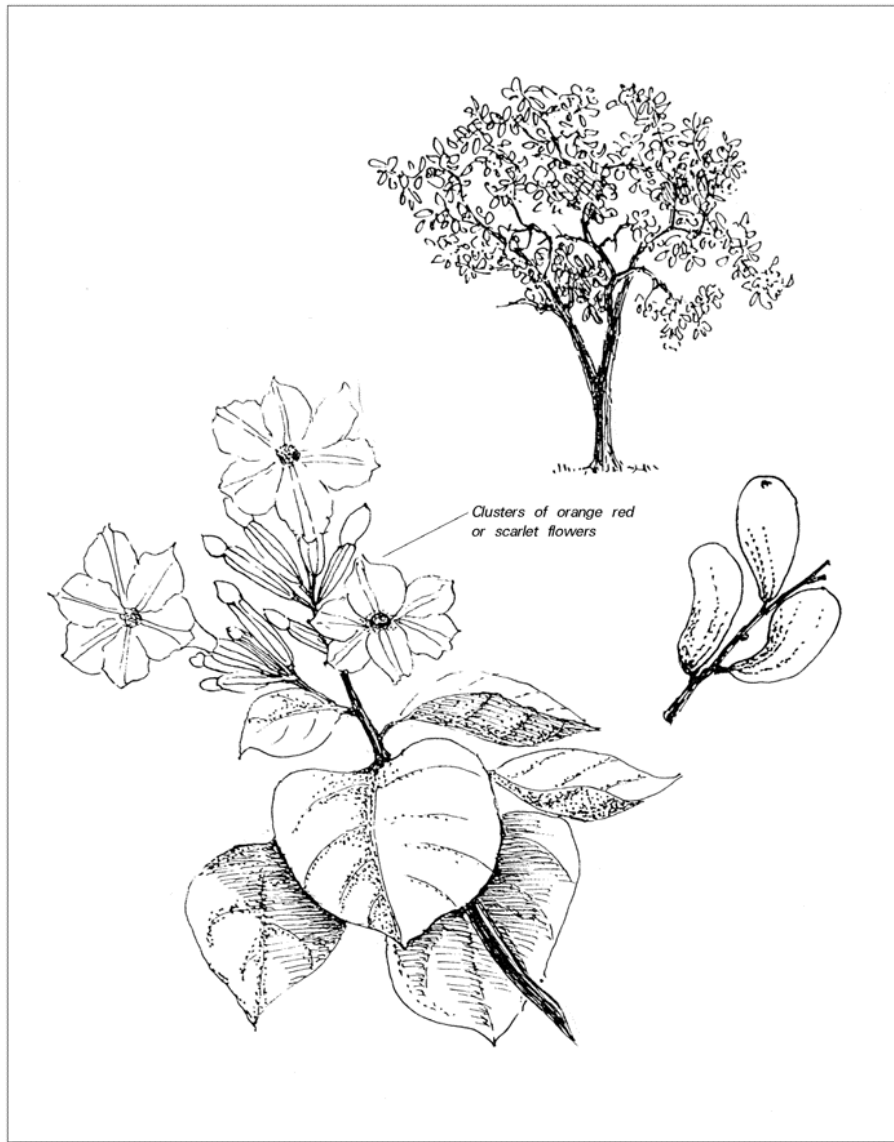
The tree grows to about 6 m tall and has a light grey bark. The leaves are dark green and can get to 20 cm long. The scarlet or reddish- orange flowers grow in clusters and each is shaped like a trumpet. The petals are crinkled and look like crushed crepe paper.

The fruit is pointed, white and about 4 cm long when ripe. The tree flowers and fruits most of the year but more often from April to June. It can be seen from sea-level to 200 m on limestone rocks along dry coastal areas. It is also seen in sandy areas.

The wood is useful for making furniture.

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Family: Boraginaceae	Species: <i>Cordia sebestena</i>	Author: Linnaeus
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Height: 6m	Habitat: Coastal areas, sea level-200m	Persistence: Evergreen
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