



## **SPATHODIEA**

*(Spathodia campanulata)*

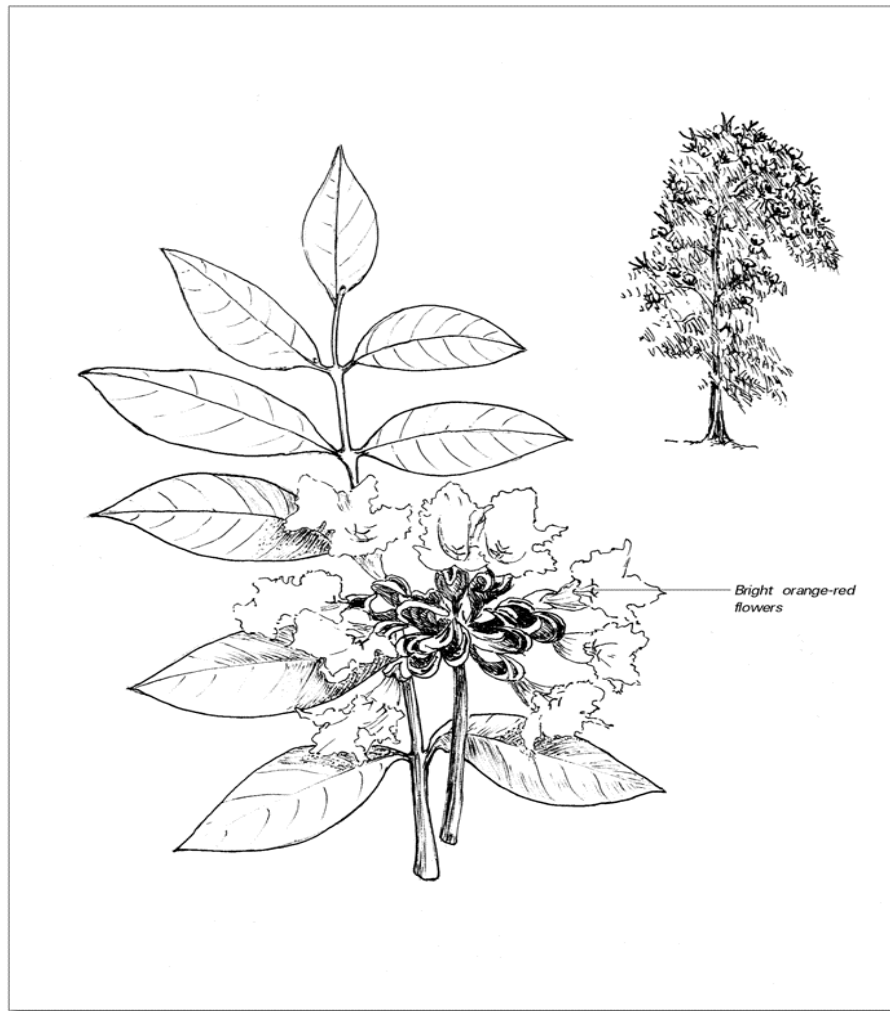
This tree is also called African Tulip and Flame of the Forest. It is a native of West Tropical Africa and is now widespread in the tropics.

The leaves are compound, each has about nineteen leaflets and are 30-40 cm long. The scarlet flower which is yellow at the base can be seen from a far off among the glossy, dark-green compound leaves. The flowers are cup-shaped, 10 to 12 cm long and grow in a circular manner. The flowers and fruit appear most of the year and the fruit is 18 - 23 cm long and shaped like a boat. The bark is grey.

Spathodia can grow over 16 m and at altitudes from sea level to 500 m. Children make water pistols out of the unopened buds which are full of water. They also use the opened fruit as a toy.

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Family: <b>Bignoniaceal</b>	Species: <i>Spathodea campanulata</i>	Author: Beauv., Fl. Oware & Berin
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Height: 18m	Habitat: Sea level-500m	Persistence: Evergreen
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