

# **Spathodea campanulata**

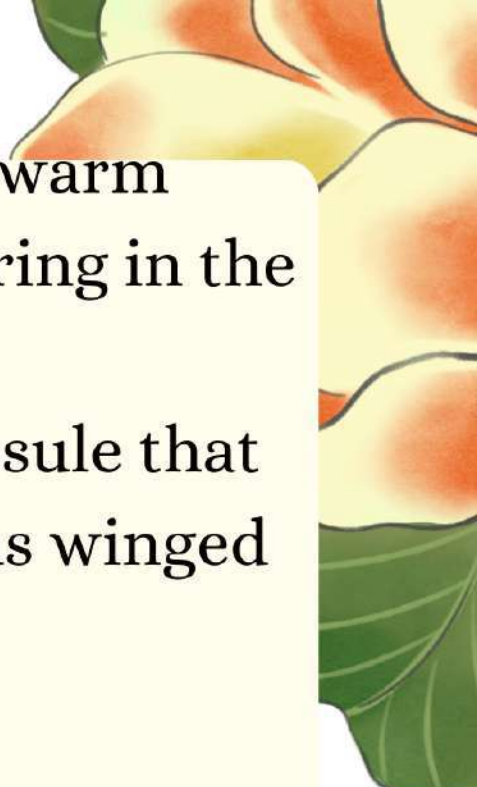
*The African Tulip Tree*



Kingdom: Plantae  
Phylum: Tracheophyta  
Class: Magnoliopsida  
Order: Lamiales  
Family: Bignoniaceae  
Genus: Spathodea

## **General Features**

- The African Tulip Tree is a flowering tree native to tropical dry forests of Africa.
- It grows between 7-25 meters (23-82 feet) tall.
- Leaves are large, glossy, and pinnate, with 4-7 pairs of leaflets.
- Flowers are the most striking feature, with large, showy, bell-shaped blooms in reddish-orange or crimson (rarely yellow).

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- Flowers bloom year-round in warm climates, but with peak flowering in the spring and summer.
  - The fruit is a large, woody capsule that splits open to reveal numerous winged seeds.



## Uses

- **Ornamental:** Widely planted as an ornamental tree throughout the tropics due to its vibrant flowers.
  - **Timber:** Wood is used for furniture, construction, and other applications, though not a primary use due to the tree's ornamental value.
  - **Medicine:** In some regions, bark and flowers are used in traditional medicine. (Disclaimer: Consult a medical professional for any health concerns)
  - **Other:** The nectar of the flowers attracts hummingbirds and bees.
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