

Butea monosperma

Botanical Name: *Butea monosperma*

Common Name: Palash

Morphological Characteristics:

Flame of the Forest is a medium sized tree, growing from 20 to 40 feet high, and the trunk is usually crooked and twisted with irregular branches and rough, grey bark. The leaves are pinnate, with an 8-16 cm petiole and three leaflets, each leaflet 10-20 cm long.



Growing season and type

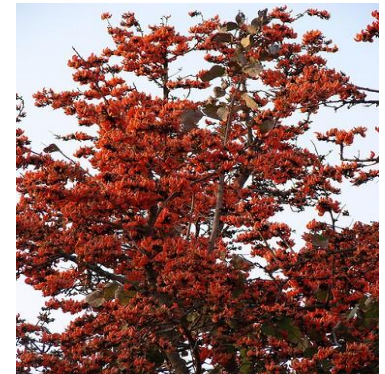
1. It is a medium-sized dry season-deciduous tree.
2. It is a slow growing tree; young trees have a growth rate of a few feet per year
3. It is seen in all its ugliness in December and January when most of the leaves fall: but from January to March it truly becomes a tree of flame, a riot of orange and vermilion flowers covering the entire crown.
4. These flowers, which are scentless, are massed along the ends of the stalks--dark velvety



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1. Flower of *Butea monosperma*
2. Leaf of *Butea monosperma*
3. Tree of *Butea monosperma*