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**Botanical Name:** Brachychiton acerifolius populneus Bella Donna

**Common Names:** Illawarra Flame Tree, Kurrajong,

**Native:** Yes

**Foliage Type:** Deciduous

**Plant Type:** Trees

**Plant Habit:** Broad Domed, Dense, Pyramida, Upright

**Description:**

Medium native compact tree with glossy green foliage and interesting greenish-grey bark. Small, pink bell shaped flowers from late Spring through to Summer. Great feature / shade tree for residential, streetscapes and large parks. Grows approx. 6m tall x 4m wide.

**Family Name:** Sterculiaceae

**Origin:** Australia

**Characteristics:**

**Foliage Colours:** Green

**Flower Colours:** Pink

**Flower Fragrant:** No

**Flowering Season:** Summer

**Fruit:** Yes

**Requirements:**

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Maintenance Level:** Low

**Water Usage:** Low

**Tolerances:**

**Drought:** High

**Frost:** Moderate

**Wind:** Moderate

**Mature Height:** 4-10m    **Position:** Full Sun, Semi Shade

**Mature Width:** 2-4m    **Soil Type:** Loam, Sandy, Well Drained

**Landscape Use(s):** Bird Attracting, Borders / Shrubbery, Feature, Foliage Feature / Colour, Habitat, Low Water Garden, Park And Gardens, Playgrounds, Shade Tree

**Pest & Diseases:**

Generally trouble free

**Cultural Notes:**

Be very careful of hairs inside the seed pods. These irritate the skin and are easily inhaled. This tree can be evergreen or deciduous depending on the weather. Flowers best after dry winters and wet Summers. Remove unwanted branches when necessary.

**Plant Care:**

Keep moist during dry periods, Low phosphorus slow release fertiliser, Mulch well

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