

Brachychiton rupestris

COMMON NAME	Queensland Bottle Tree
FAMILY	Malvaceae
ORIGIN	Australia
EVERGREEN	Semi-Deciduous
FLOWER COLOUR	Cream and Red
BLOOMTIME	Spring/Summer
SYNONYMS	[<i>Delabechea rupestris</i> , <i>B. delabechei</i> , <i>Sterculia</i>]
HEIGHT	7.5 - 12 Metres
WIDTH	3 - 4 Metres
EXPOSURE	Full Sun
SEASIDE	-
IRRIGATION	Low Water Needs
WINTER HARDINESS	-9° C



FURTHER READING:

A semi-deciduous tree with a large swollen trunk that grows to 12 metres in the wilds of Queensland Australia and northern New South Wales, but typically is much shorter in cultivation. In youth this tree has a narrow straight trunk and bears fairly small narrow-dissected palmate leaves. As the tree matures the stem swells as it stores water and becomes bottle shaped, and the leaves broaden and turn from compound to simple. Though this plant holds its leaves through a typical winter, the leaves drop before the cream and red flowers appear in late spring to early summer and can also drop off during times of drought stress.