

African Tulip Tree

Common name: African Tulip Tree, Scarlet-Bell or Fountain Tree

Botanical name: *Spathodea campanulata*

Family: Bignoniaceae; **Name in Tamil:** *Patadi*



Field identification: Tall, erect, deciduous tree up to 70 feet. Bark greyish brown, smooth. Large pinnate leaf, opposite, oval leaflets with terminal leaflet. Leaflet furry turning smooth and glossy with age. Curved boat-shaped calyx, orange-crimson bell shaped blooms. Pod woody.

Location on campus: Scattered across campus. E.g. West of Scudder Hall, Scudder Crescent, Chapel Lawn

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