What's Blooming? February - March

Red Silk-cotton Tree Bombax Ceiba

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Red Silk-cotton Tree

Synonyms (Discarded Names): *Bombax*

malabaricum

Origin: Asia; Australia; Malaysia **Zone:** 10a – 12 b (30°F Minimum)

Growth Rate: Fast

Flowering Months: February – March

Intense Blooming Days: 29

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous (with no or

few leaves) from February – April

Messiness: High in February – March, May

Salt Tolerance: Low

Drought Tolerance: Medium

Nutritional Requirements: Medium

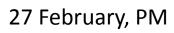
Typical Dimension: 80' x 60' **Uses:** Park, Shade, Specimen















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28 February, PM







2 March, AM. Flowers usually fall to the ground five days after opening.









A white variety from Alibag, India, February 14





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