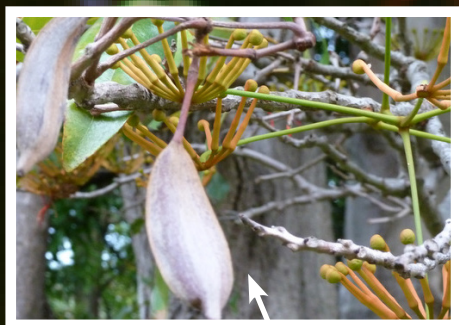


Firewheel Tree

Stenocarpus sinuatus

When to look:

Flowers appear Dec to June, seed pods appear after flowering



Grey-brown seed pods that are 5-10 cm in length

Evergreen tree that grows up to 35 m in height

Dark glossy green leaves with one distinct vein down the centre

Similar species:

Illawarra Flame Tree (*Brachychiton acerifolius*): has bell-shaped flowers that don't form a wheel-like arrangement.

Poinciana (*Delonix regia*): has feathery and fern-like leaves, larger flowers (8 - 15 cm in diameter) with five petals (each 4 - 7 cm long), and larger seed pods (20 - 70 cm long).

Flowers are bright red with a yellow tip and cluster in a wheel-like arrangement

Images courtesy of Tatiana Gerus (flowers) and Rich Weatherill (seed pod)