

What's Blooming?

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Shavingbrush Tree

Pseudobombax ellipticum

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- The 2009 -2010 winter in south Florida had unusually low and sustained cold temperatures.
- Due to this, the blooming period of many flowering trees were delayed by several weeks.
- Last year, 2009, the shaving brush tree, on the following slide, began maximum bloom on April 3. In 2010 it reached 100 percent of bloom for the first time on April 26, 23 days later.
- This species has approximately 20 days of bloom wherein 50% or more of the canopy is covered with flowers.



Red form of *Pseudobombax ellipticum*. Fort Myers, Florida

