

Clerodendrum paniculatum

Scientific classification

Kingdom	: Plantae
Clade	: Angiosperms
Order	: Lamiales
Family	: Lamiaceae
Subfamily	: Ajugoideae
Genus	: <i>Clerodendrum</i>
Species	: <i>C.paniculatum</i>



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Description:

Flower is an erect, open semiwoody shrub with large evergreen leaves and huge showy clusters of orange-red or scarlet flowers held above the foliage. The plant sometimes has many stems and gets 3-5 ft tall, spreading 2-3 ft across. Oppositely arranged ovate leaves have heart shaped bases; lower leaves are lobed and upper leaves entire. The handsome leaves can be as large as 12 in across. The flowers small, funnel shaped with long tubes. Although the individual flowers are only about 0.5 in long, they are arranged in massive panicles up to 1 ft or more in height, at the end of branches. The flowers within the pyramid shaped cluster are tiered, like a Japanese pagoda.

Medicinal uses:

Leaf is ground in water and the juice is taken orally to treat fever 22. It is an important **medicinal** plant reported to be used in the treatment of skin diseases, venereal infections, elephantiasis, asthma, topical burns and for rheumatism. It is also used as substitute of quinine