

Erythrina herbacea

CARE GUIDE

Coral Bean is a tropical shrub or small tree showcasing showy flowers and bright seeds. The red, tubular shaped flowers attract hummingbirds and butterflies from spring into summer while the seed pods provide a striking display in the fall.

Sun	Water	Habitat
full sun, partial shade	minimal watering once established	salt and drought tolerant, native to Gulf Coast from Texas to Florida



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This *Erythrina* species is salt tolerant and a great choice for coastal landscapes. While very showy spring through fall, Coral Bean has a sparse appearance during the winter months. The thorny shrub grows 6-12 ft. tall and 3-6 ft. wide and dies back each year when planted in regions that experience freezes.

In North America, indigenous peoples used the roots of Coral Bean to increase perspiration. In Hawaii, *Erythrina sandwicensis*'s (Williwilli) lightweight wood was used to make surfboards and the seeds were collected to use in lei making. There are around 130 species of *Erythrina*.

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The seeds, while beautiful, are toxic so be sure to keep away from children and pets.

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Little maintenance is required but does well when regularly pruned. Cut back dead branches and twigs after freezes.

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