

Erythrina Herbacea

Family: Leguminosae

Common Name: Coral bean, Cherokee bean

Climate Zone: USDA zones 8-10

Origin: Southeastern U.S. in hardwood hammocks

Flowering season: May and June

Salt Tolerance: High

Soil requirements: Wide range

Nutritional requirements: Medium

Light requirements: Medium to high

Major problems: None

Common uses: Flowering shrub



This deciduous shrub with green, compound leaves grows at a medium rate to a height of about three feet. Hummingbirds are attracted to the red, tubular flowers in the spring;

large beans that split showing bright red seeds follow in the autumn. This shrub has a high drought tolerance and can be propagated by seeds and cuttings. The seeds are poisonous to humans.