PLANT FACT SHEET

Erythrina rubrinervia Kunth

GENUS *Erythrina* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Gallito, Coral bean

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Shoots, Leaves

Caution: Causes sleep if eaten in large amounts.
The flowers are flower buds are eaten cooked.
The young leaves cooked as a vegetable and also are used in soup.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 2-10 m tall. The crown is broad. The bark has green stripes. It has spines. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves have 3 parts. The leaflets are heart shaped. The flowers are red. The fruit are long pods. These are narrowed between the seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits the wet tropics. It has been recorded at 1,200 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seeds. It can be used for hedges and living fences.

NOTES

There are 108 Erythrina species.

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