PLANT FACT SHEET

Erythrina falcata Benth.

GENUS *Erythrina* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Brazilian Coral tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

The flower petals are edible boiled and are cooked with pepper and salt.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10-30 m tall. It has spines and loses its leaves during the year. The trunk can be 50-90 cm across. The leaves are compound with 3 leaflets. They are 15 cm long by 8 cm wide. The leaf stalk can be 5-16 cm long. The flowers are reddish-orange and 3-5 cm long. The fruit is a flat pod 10-20 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. There are 3 to 15 seeds. The seeds are kidney shaped and flattened.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Brazil, plants flower May to November and fruit September to November.

NOTES

It is used as medicine. A tea made from the bark is used in the treatment of asthma.

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