PLANT FACT SHEET

Erythrina standleyana Krukoff

GENUS *Erythrina* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Red coral tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Fruit

The flowers are boiled, dried and then fried. They are eaten with tamales.
The immature fruit are eaten.
The seeds are poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. The stems are spiny. The leaves are alternate and have 3 leaflets. The flowers are long and red and hang down. The fruit is a lumpy pod. They are pods 9-20 cm long by 1.1-1.4 cm wide. They are constricted between the seeds. The seed are red and have a black line.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the wet tropics.

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