PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Erythrina flabelliformis Kearney

GENUS *Erythrina* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Chilicote, Western coral bean

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

Caution: The seed coats are very poisonous.
The flowers are boiled and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 3 m tall. The stems are white and have a velvety coating. The flowers are in crowded groups at the ends of branches are a bright red. The fruit tapers to the end and has short dense hairs. The seeds are oval and 16 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant.

REFERENCES

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