



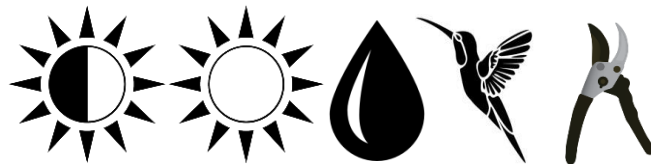
Coral Bean

Erythrina herbacea



A shrub, this plant produces annual stems from the woody stem and perennial root. Leaves are arrow shaped and disappear in winter. But before leaves reappear in spring, spikes of clustered, tubular flowers emerge. Dark seed pods take the place of flowers, with bright red beans inside that stay on the plant for months. Considered poisonous if ingested, in Mexico its seeds are used to kill rats and fish. Other areas use the seeds as novelty items or in jewelry, but since it is poisonous, care should be taken. This plant will die back in the winter; prune dead growth in spring before new growth appears.

- Perennial
- Grows 6-12 feet (3)
- Found in open, sandy woods & clearings



Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Flowering Time