

Erythrina herbacea

Coralbean



Coral Bean is a deciduous, multi-stemmed shrub. The stems are herbaceous, covered with sharp spines, and emerge from a woody base. The leaves are three-lobed with a unique shape, similar to that of an arrowhead or spearhead. The spikes of bright red, 2" tubular flowers are quite a show - before or as the leaves develop and are attractive to hummingbirds. The seed pods which follow look like bean pods and split to expose the bright red, eye-catching seeds. *Erythrina herbacea* can be used as a specimen plant or as an accent, and fits well into a naturalistic setting, but should be placed where the spines will not be a hazard. *Erythrina herbacea* takes 3 - 4 years to flower when grown from seed. **The seeds are poisonous.**

Height: to 5', Spread: 4' - 16'