

Erythrina crista-galli

COMMON NAME

coral tree

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Erythrina crista-galli L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

SIMILAR TAXA

Small to medium-sized deciduous tree, usually with prickly stems, differing from *E. xyskesii*, in the elliptic to ovate-elliptic glabrous leaves 6-12-(18) cm long, the terminal glabrous inflorescence, and the dark red flowers with the keel almost as long as the standard and the wings scarcely exceeding the calyx. (Webb et al. 1995)

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

YEAR NATURALISED

1994

ORIGIN

Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina

ETYMOLOGY

erythrina: From the Greek erythros 'red', referring to the colour of the flowers

crista-galli: A cock's comb

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Gardner, R. 1992. Coral trees *Erythrina* Papilionaceae of Auckland. *Auckland Botanical Society Journal*, 47: 32-35.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/erythrina-crista-galli/>



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