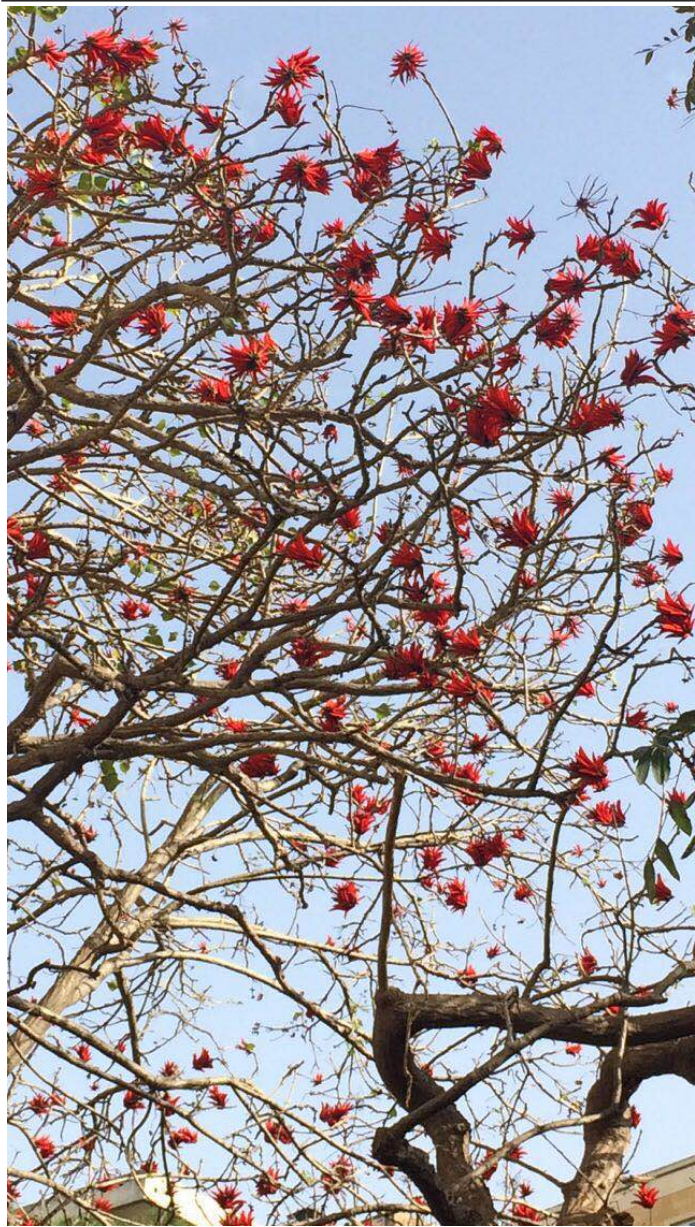


Erythrina caffra

(Coral tree)

Erythrina caffra is a medium-sized to large deciduous tree. It forms a round-headed, spreading canopy and has a beautifully light green appearance when in leaf are new. After it drops the leaves the dark red flowers appear. Bark showing thorns. Erythrina caffra should be planted in sunny places in well-drained soil. It can tolerate quite moist soils as it often grows on the banks of rivers and streams. The trees will also put up with dry conditions and poor soils; however, they do not respond well to excessively cold conditions.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: air-rith-RYE-nuh KAFF-ree
Plant Type: Tree
Origin: Africa
Heat Zones:
Hardiness Zones: 10, 11
Uses: Specimen, Shade
Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Fast
Tree Shape: Round, Spreading
Canopy Symmetry: Irregular
Canopy Density: Dense
Canopy Texture: Medium
Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m
Spread at Maturity: 8 to 10 meters
Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Trifoliate

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Brown

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 7 - 10

Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Red

Seasons: Winter

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Rough Texture

Fruit

Fruit Type: Legume

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Winter

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

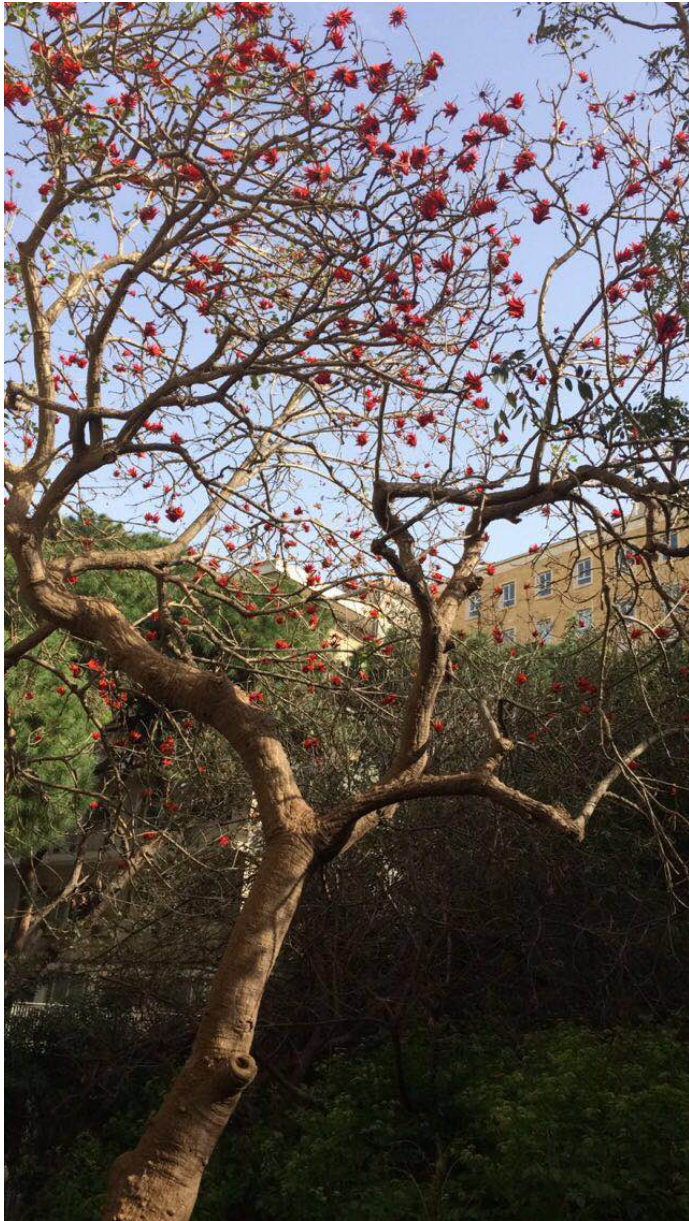
Surface Rooting: Yes

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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Bark Image



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