

# *Erythrina herbacea*



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## Coralbean, Cherokee Bean

### *Fabaceae (Leguminosae)*

#### Plant Specifics

**Size:** 3-20 ft tall by 2-10 ft wide

**Life Span:** Long-lived perennial

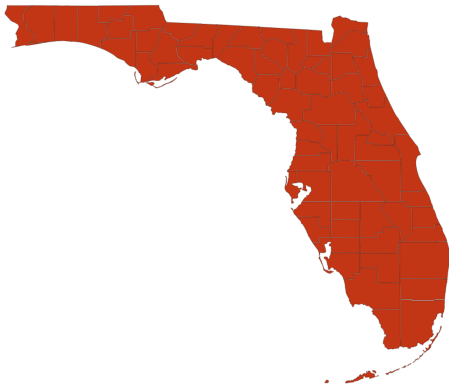
**Flower Color:** Pink, red

**Fruit Color:** Red, brown

**Phenology:** Deciduous, semi-evergreen in South Florida. Blooms in spring. Fruits remain on the plant through winter.

**Habitats:** Dry sites. Upland mixed forest, thickets, tropical hammocks, coastal dunes, sandhill, flatwoods, tropical hammock, pine rocklands. This species can be seen in the picnic area at Alderman Forc County Park in Hillsborough County.

#### Natural Range in Florida



#### USDA Zones

Suitable to grow in:

10A 10B 11 8A 8B 9A 9B

#### Landscaping

**Recommended Uses:** Forming a thicket for wildlife protection.

**Light:** ☀ Full Sun, ☀☁ Part Shade, ☁ Shade

**Moisture Tolerance:** Usually moist, occasional inundation ----- to Very long very dry periods

**Salt Water Flooding Tolerance:** Not salt tolerant of inundation by salty or brackish water.

**Salt Spray Tolerance:** High. Can tolerate significant and ongoing amounts of salty wind and salt spray without injury.



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Soil/Substrate: Loam, Sand

## Wildlife



Attracts hummingbirds.

Due to its dense foliage and thorny stems, coral bean ser as a refuge for small birds and animals.

Attracts long-tongued pollinators.