

Erythrina crista-galli

COMMON NAMES

coral tree

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

SIMILAR TAXA

Small to medium-sized deciduous tree, usually with prickly stems, differing from *E. xsykesii*, 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)

GENUS

Erythrina

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Erythrina crista-galli L.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

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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