



## Flowering Trees

*Erythrina indica* Lam. (Syn: *Erythrina variegata* (L.) Merr.; Indian Coral Tree) of the family Fabaceae is a tall deciduous tree native to tropical Africa, Asia and Australia. Bark is greyish-brown, exfoliating into papery flakes. Leaves are 3-foliolate with two glands on the odd leaflet, ovate-rhomboid with leathery texture. Flowers are bright red, arranged in racemes on a woody stalk, with a mild fragrance. Fruit is 6–12 seeded maroon-red pod, usually with a beaked tip.

The extracts of plant are used in native medicine to treat stress-related disorders. The tree is often planted in gardens and parks.