

Indian Coral Tree

Common name: Indian Coral Tree

Botanical name: *Erythrina varigata*

Family: Faboideae

Name in Tamil: *Kalyana murungai*



Field identification: Medium sized, fast growing tree with straight trunk.. Branchlets armed with conical prickles up to 3rd or 4th year. Bark thin, yellowish-greenish-grey, smooth, with longitudinal whitish cracks, peeling off in flakes. Leaf with 3 leaflets with 13 cm long stalk with terminal leaflet largest 10-15cm 9-13 cm. Flowers large 5-6.3 x 2.5-3.8 cm, bright scarlet, 30 cm long clusters at the end of branchlets. Pods black, beaked, constricted between seeds

Location on campus: Eden Garden, Loop Road

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