

ERYTRINA CRISTA GALLI



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Erythrina crista-galli, known in Türkiye as Coral Tree or Arabian Lip, is an exotic ornamental plant belonging to the Fabaceae (legume) family, known for its showy flowers.



- It is a small, deciduous tree with mushroom-like bark and spiny branches. It usually reaches a height of 5-8 meters. From mid-spring to autumn, it blooms in clusters of velvety, coral-red, pea-flower-like flowers. It is the national flower of Argentina and Uruguay.

Cultivation and Uses

- It is a true Mediterranean climate plant. It loves sunny and warm places.
- It is sensitive to frost; it can generally withstand temperatures down to -5°C to -7°C. Although the above-ground parts may dry out in severe frosts, it can sprout again from the roots in spring.
- It prefers permeable, sandy, and airy soils. Young seedlings especially require regular watering; however, it is quite drought-tolerant when mature.



In landscape design, it is used as a focal point, either solitary or in groups. In Türkiye, it is frequently preferred in gardens and parks, especially along the Aegean and Mediterranean coasts.