

Botanical Name: Erythrina falcata

Common Name: No common name

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape large, rounded massive tree with thick branches - forms a dense canopy - this is the only evergreen Erythrina

Height 30-40' Spread 30-40' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil any soil with good drainage

Hardiness some frost (zones 19-24)

Morphology:

Leaves trifoliate, leaflets to 4" long, 2" wide somewhat truncate at base, sometimes falcate in shape

Flowers deep red, sickle-shaped, hanging in clusters at the ends of the branches

Fruit long pod to 1" wide, 4" long

Propagation: seed, cuttings

Usage: large roadside, park or shade tree good for large landscapes - blooms with leaves on tree - fairly adaptable as a shade tree with stronger branches than other Erythrinas

Landscape Care:

Watering drought-tolerant when established

Fertilizing slow release at planting time

Pruning prune after flowering to control size, reduce wind damage

Pests/Diseases none major

Special Conditions

Origin: Argen.-Peru Family: Fabaceae