Coral tree  
*(Non Restricted Invasive Weed)*

*Erythrina indica, Erythrina crista galli and Erythrina x sykesii*

Originally sold as a fast growing, beautiful ornamental tree, coral tree has become an invasive pest plant in native bushland areas.

Coral trees can spread by seed (except for the hybrid) and vegetatively – meaning that when a branch breaks off it can regrow elsewhere. This tree also has the ability to spread by suckering.

This weed thrives on disturbance and has been helped to spread by the irresponsible dumping of garden waste.

Coral tree is an invasive plant which can disrupt native flora communities and ecosystems.

**Description**

Coral tree is deciduous, thorny and has bright red orange flowers.

The trunk and branches of the weed are soft and they easily break off (reshooting elsewhere later).

Leaves are bright green and have three large leaflets. The middle leaf tends to be larger and on a longer stalk.

**Management**

Small individual plants can be removed by hand pulling, particularly in moist soil. Take care to remove all roots and branches before bagging and disposing. Handle the plant carefully with gloves as the thorns can cause injury, which can then become infected.

If you would like further information on weeds look at the A–Z Listing of Weeds at [Queensland Government Website](http://www.qld.gov.au).