

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Stanislav Kejkik, Canary Islands



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Flowering tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Janberoo west of Kiama

## Common name

Cockspur coral tree

## Family

Fabaceae

## Where found

Garden **escape**. Urban bushland, along waterways, and in swamps and wetlands. Mainly in the Sydney area north from Royal National Park, and the Blue Mountains. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced deciduous shrub** or small tree to 6 m high or more. Small prickles on trunk, branches, stems, and leaf stalks. Bark moderately rough. Stems hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 5-10 cm long, **compound**, with 3 leaflets each 3–6 cm long, 20–50 mm wide, hairless. Flowers 40-50 mm long, red, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, in clusters of 20-40 flowers.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Erythrina-crista-galli> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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