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Plant Botanical Name:

Erythrina sandwicensis

USBG Plant Location:

Conservatory

Conservatory Room Location:

Rare and Endangered Species

Plant Threat Level:

Vulnerable

Erythrina sandwicensis known as Wiliwili in Hawaii. This means "twisted," referring to its seedpods that twist open to reveal bright red seeds. *Erythrina san*
to about 45 feet tall and equal width, although in cultivation it is generally smaller. It is one of the few deciduous native Hawaiian trees, losing its leaves du
conserve water and putting out new leaves in the fall. The Wiliwili typically blooms after its leaves appear, although flowering can vary from the summer th
species is strongly linked to Hawaiian culture through legends and proverbs. One legend refers to the different appearances of this species in the transform
Wiliwili trees. Indigenous Hawaiians used the very light wood for canoe outriggers and fish net floats, and the red seeds in flower leis. Like many endemic
Wiliwili is threatened.

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