



**Plant Botanical Name:**

*Erythrina sandwicensis*

**USBG Plant Location:**

Conservatory

**Conservatory Room Location:**

Rare and Endangered Species

**Plant Threat Level:**

Vulnerable

*Erythrina sandwicensis* is known in Hawai'ian as Wiliwili, meaning twisted and referring to the seedpods, which twist open to reveal the bright red seeds. *E. sandwicensis* naturally grows to about 45 feet tall and the same width. It is one of the few native deciduous Hawai'ian trees and loses it's leaves during the summer to cool down. The Wiliwili blooms after the leaves although flowering can vary from the summer through November.

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