

***Caesalpinia pulcherrima* (L.) Sw.**

**Family: Fabaceae**

A common ornamental shrub widely known for its beautifully arranged light green foliage and fiery bright orange-red flowers, *Caesalpinia* is mostly visible in urban areas and has some scattered presence in the countryside. Except a few sporadic information, its culinary potential is yet to be documented. In the Gulbarga district of north Karnataka, flowers and young seeds are taken as food by ethnic *Lambani* people and other village folks. Flowers are cooked as vegetables while seeds are roasted and grounded for making drinks or dry dish.. Similarly, flowers are cooked with meat to prepare non-veg delicacy.

