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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

Botanical Name: *Heliconia rostrata* Ruiz & Pavon

Family: Heliconiaceae

Common Name: False bird of paradise

Origin: El Salvador, Peru, Bolivia, Colombia, Venezuela, Costa Rica and Ecuador and naturalized in Puerto Rico.

General Characters:

- The leaves are paddle shaped.
- It has anti-microbial and anti-bacterial properties.
- It has anti-ophidic property.
- It regulates blood pressure.
- It relieves pain and ache.
- Its inflorescence are pendant and grow in one plane.
- The bracts are bright red.
- The true flowers are tubular.

