

Botanical Name: Callistemon viminalis 'Little John'

Common Name: Dwarf Callistemon

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape rounded mound, with irregular branching

Height 3-5' (8') Spread 4-6' Growth Rate slow / moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun; will not bloom as heavily in shade

Soil tolerates most; prefers good drainage

Hardiness some frost (to 20-25 F) (zones 8,9, 12-24): thrives in coastal environments

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate or often whorled, narrowly lanceolate-

elliptic: 2-3" long; grey-green; leathery

Flowers deep red, many-stamened, in sessile spikes near the ends
of branches, 2-3" long

Fruit woody capsules; small (1/4"), oval, persistent on the stem

Propagation: cuttings

Usage: a dramatic accent shrub for its almost constant flower display,

good as a facer, filler, container (rather messy); suitable for sub-tropical and
rustic-informal landscapes, parkway, medians, informal hedge

Landscape Care:

Watering Drought tolerant in coastal areas, prefers additional water inland

Fertilizing balanced, in spring; subject to iron chlorosis in heavy

over-watered soils, apply chelated iron to correct
Pruning prune to maintain shape; thin out occasionally

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions _____

Origin: New South Wales Family: Myrtaceae