

Botanical Name: Callistemon viminalis

Common Name: Weeping Bottlebrush

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, mostly single-trunked plant, with irregular branching; branches arch and bend downward to produce a loose canopy with a weeping structure; trunk has rough grayish bark

Height 15'-20' (30') Spread 1/2 - 2/3 Growth Rate moder./rapid

Environment:

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

Soil tolerates most; prefers good drainage

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

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate or often whorled, narrowly lanceolate-elliptic: 2"-4" long; light green tinged with bronze when young; leathery

Flowers deep red, many-stamened, in sessile spikes near the ends of branches, 6" long

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

Propagation: seed

Usage: a dramatic small accent tree, useful for its form and flowers; good as silhouette, street tree, patios (rather messy); suitable for sub-tropical and rustic-informal landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering moderate; not as drought tolerant as other Callistemon species

Fertilizing balanced, in spring; subject to iron chlorosis in heavy over-watered soils

Pruning develop the primary framework branches when young; thin out canopy and head back longest drooping branches occasionally

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions avoid shearing or topiary

Origin: Australia Family: Myrtaceae