

Botanical Name: Callistemon citrinus

Common Name: Lemon Bottlebrush

Type of Plant: dicot/shrub/tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, oval shrub or small tree usually dense and

massive

Height 10-20' Spread 10-15' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil tolerates most any soil -- prefers good drainage

Hardiness hardy to 20 degrees (zones 8,9,12-24)

Morphology:

Leaves to 3" long, narrowly elliptical with prominent bony tip

Flowers spikes of small pinkish flowers with prominent crimson

stamens 1-1/2" long -- spikes to 6" long -- spring and fall

Fruit small woody capsule, 1/8" diameter, persistent on stems

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings, seed

Usage: screen, hedge, background or barrier good as a small tree

or espalier with pruning -- good plant for quick effects

Landscape Care:

Watering regular water when young -- drought tolerant when

established

Fertilizing balanced in spring -- watch for chlorosis

Pruning head back to maintain size -- easy to prune

Pests/Diseases chlorosis in alkaline soils

Special Conditions avoid pruning back to leafless areas

Origin: Australia Family: Myrtaceae