

Botanical Name: Calliandra tweedii

Common Name: Trinidad flame bush, Brazilian flame bush

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape erect to irregular with branches forming an open, rounded
or somewhat sprawling canopy

Height 5-10' Spread 5-10' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil tolerates most

Hardiness some frost, best in warm, coastal locations (zones 22-24)

Morphology:

Leaves bipinnately compound, 2-4" long, alternate, 3-7 pairs of
pinnae, leaflets 20-30 pairs, linear, 1/8-1/4" long

Flowers reddish-lavender, many stamened, 1-2" across, incomplete,
axillary or terminal clusters -- spring, fall

Fruit 1-1/2 to 2" long pod

Propagation: seed

Usage: accent shrub--small tree for distinctive form, showy
flowers and fernlike foliage -- espalier, large filler, container plant

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak -- drought tolerant after established

Fertilizing balanced in spring -- watch for chlorosis in heavy soils

Pruning relatively free

Pests/Diseases occasionally thin out to expose branch structure

Special Conditions

Origin: Brazil Family: Fabaceae