

Botanical Name: Callistemon citrinus 'Violaceus'

Common Name: Violet bottlebrush

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub/tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, stiffly branched -- multi-trunked shrub, or small tree

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

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil prefers well draining -- tolerates most

Hardiness hardy (zones 8,9,12-24)

Morphology:

Leaves linear to narrowly elliptical 2-3" long, young foliage, bronzy, pubescent, mucronate tip

Flowers bristle like stamens, violet color -- spikes 3" long
spring, fall

Fruit rounded, beadlike woody capsule

Propagation: semihardwood cuttings

Usage: small accent tree, large shrub, filler hedge, screen

Landscape Care:

Watering regular -- tolerates drought after established

Fertilizing balanced in spring -- add iron as needed

Pruning head back, thin out, do not prune past foliage

Pests/Diseases relatively free - check for chlorosis

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Myrtaceae