

Botanical Name: Callistemon linearis

Common Name: Narrow-leafed bottlebrush

Type of Plant: dicot: small tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, single or multi-trunked plant; in youth is quite shrubby; becomes more treelike with maturity to form a loose rounded canopy

Height 8'-15' (20') Spread 2/3 to equal Growth Rate moder.-rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers well-draining moist habitats

Hardiness hardy (zones 8, 9, 12-24): thrives in warm coastal sites

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate to whorled, narrowly elliptic or linear; 2"-4" (5") long, dull, grayish-green, somewhat hairy

Flowers bright crimson red, many-stamened, in showy 4"-6" long sessile spikes borne at the ends of the branches; mostly in late spring-summer

Fruit a capsule: small (1/8" across), woody, oval; persist on stem

Propagation: seed

Usage: a graceful, small-sized accent tree for its flower display and loose form; suitable as espalier or informal large hedge; excellent for sub-tropical, informal landscapes; Spanish-style architecture, or use with native plants in water-conserving landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering moderate is preferable - the plant can tolerate some drought after established; good drainage is essential

Fertilizing check for iron chlorosis in alkaline or heavily irrigated soils

Pruning to shape desired; as a tree, head high when young, thin occasionally; selectively head back to control size

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Myrtaceae