

## Callistemon viminalis 'Little John'

### (Weeping Bottlebrush, Little John Dwarf Bottlebrush)

Callistemon viminalis is an evergreen multi-trunked tree. It has bright red flower spikes. The tree has a weeping branches which is full of the fuzzy bright red flowers in spring. The flowers are attracting hummingbirds. The tree needs to be grown on full sun and preferably on moist soil. It can tolerate drought but best flowering occurs with regular watering. The cultivar 'Red Cascade' has large red flowers in spring and fall.

'Little John' is a dwarf cultivar that offers the same bright red fuzzy flower clusters but on a dwarf, dense, rounded shrub.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Callistemon pleureur

**Pronunciation:** kal-liss-STEE-mawn vim-min-NAY-liss

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Origin:** Australia

**Heat Zones:** 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

**Hardiness Zones:** 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

**Uses:** Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Container, Wildlife, Pollution Tolerant / Urban

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Tree Shape:** Weeping

**Canopy Symmetry:** Irregular

**Canopy Density:** Open

**Canopy Texture:** Fine

**Height at Maturity:** 5 to 8 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 3 to 5 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 10 to 20 Years

#### Notes

Weeping Bottlebrush tree is not suitable for street tree planting due to its weeping growth habit, but can be planted in road medians. It also often occurs along watercourses.

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Flower Image

### Botanical Description

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#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Parallel

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** Less than 5

**Leaf Shape:** Linear

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Fine

**Leaf Scent:** Pleasant

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 10 - 20

**Flower Type:** Spike

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Red

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Can be trained to one trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Fissured

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Capsule

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Fruit Colors:** Brown

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** Yes

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** More than 50

**Edible Parts:** None

**Pests:** Mites

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting

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Fruit Image



Bark Image



Other Image