

Callistemon viminalis

(Weeping 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.



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

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

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

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage
Number of Trunks: Can be trained to one trunk
Trunk Esthetic Values: Fissured

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule
Fruit Showiness: False
Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3
Fruit Colors: Brown
Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

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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