

## Callistemon citrinus var. splendens

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Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania

Common names:	Eng: bottlebrush tree, weeping bottlebrush.
Ecology:	In Australia it is found on low-lying ground including valley bottoms, so will grow on poorly drained sites. Now widely planted in the tropics as an ornamental.
Uses:	Firewood, charcoal, bee forage, windbreak, ornamental.
Description:	A small evergreen tree, to 6 m high, with drooping foliage. BARK: grey, smooth, furrowed with age. LEAVES: narrow, tough, grey-green to 8 cm, young leaves pink-green, faintly lemon scented when crushed. FLOWERS: vivid crimson bottlebrush-like cylindrical spikes, a mass of long red stamens, nectar attracting sunbirds and bees. Leafy shoots continue to grow beyond the flower "brush". FRUIT: small woody capsules, persisting many months, contain the tiny seed.
Propagation:	Seedlings.
Seed info.:	No. of seeds per kg: about 44,000. Seed germination is uniform (two weeks).
treatment:	not necessary.
storage:	seed stores well (six months).
Management:	Fast growing on good sites.
Remarks:	Commonly planted in gardens. Another Callistemon variety has erect flowers, not drooping, otherwise it is similar.

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