



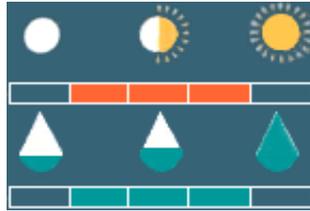
Weeping Bottlebrush

Callistemon viminalis



Family: Myrtaceae

Shrub or small tree to 8 m with red flowers



Distribution: from Moree to Grafton New South Wales and in Queensland, Australia where it often occurs along watercourses.

Description: Pendent branches. Bark is dark, furrowed. The bright red flower spikes occur during spring to early summer, also sporadically throughout the year.

Propagation: Bottlebrushes are easily grown from seed. The unopened fruits should be collected and stored in a warm place in a paper bag until the fine seeds are released. The seed should be sown into a freely draining seed-raising mix during spring and summer.

Habitat: Grows chiefly in sandstone or granite areas. Will grow in heavy waterlogged soils but should not be exposed to severe salt spray.

Uses: Useful as a screen plant, and in erosion control. Flower spikes are very rich in nectar and attract many birds.