



Callistemon rugulosus

Scarlet bottlebrush



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Form: *Medium shrub* **Height:** *2 – 4 m* **Spread:** *2 – 4 m* **Flowers:** *Red* **Type:** *Bottlebrush* **Flowering time:** *Spring, Autumn*

Ecological functions:



Soils: *sand, clay or loam; acidic, alkaline or neutral*

Germination rate: *3 to 4 weeks*

Seed collecting: use secateurs to cut mature fruits. Let dry on clean surface. When seed is released, use a screen to clean.

Seed treatment: none

Sowing requirements: brush aside large bark particles and sow on top of damp soil. Cover with a sparse layer of gravel. Sow in late Spring-Summer. Requires well-drained soils. Keep seedlings moist and use liquid fertiliser (Maxicrop, Thrive or Aquasol).

Position: full sun, part shade.

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: planted singly as a colourful background in mixed plantings or en-mass as a barrier or informal hedge.

Notes: do not plant closer than 3.5 m to any sewer main or connection. Prune after flowering for dense habit. Grows from cuttings.