

Semmes Hardy Bottlebrush



Heat and sun tolerant;
flowers spring-summer; low
maintenance and drought tolerant.



Calistemon 'Semmes Hardy'

- **Use:** Albany Bottlebrush produces long, forest green leaves and large, vermillion flower spikes in abundance. Lemony smelling oil glands present in the olive green, lance-shaped leaves. This plant is tough and makes an excellent hedge.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun– part sun. Prefers well-drained soils. Drought tolerant once established. Fertilize and prune for maximum flower show. Regular pruning is not necessary. If you do prune, immediately after flowering is best.
- **Growth:** Upright form to 6-12 feet tall, to 3-6 feet wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7b-10 Shrub; or small tree. They need a very well-drained location. Do not plant in red clay!
- **Foliage:** Semi-evergreen, alternate, simple, 1" to 3" long and less than an inch wide. Stems continue to grow after the flowers and seed capsules, so they are not necessarily at the terminal. So there will be foliage, flower or seed capsules and then foliage again.
- **Flower:** Red bottle-brush-shaped flowers appear in late spring to summer. After bloom the Bottlebrush will have button-like seed capsules.

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