

Red Cluster Bottlebrush



Calistemon rigidus 'Red Cluster'

- **Use:** gets its name from its cylindrical, brush-like flowers. This variety is drought resistant, and requires very little maintenance once established. The Bottlebrush can bring vibrant color to your garden area at various times throughout the year with its ability to produce these flowers in the spring and then once again in the summer. Although they are drought resistance the Bottlebrush does prefer moist soil, so a drip system is recommended. Attracts nectar feeding birds.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Plant in full sun to light shade. Is drought tolerant in coastal gardens but tolerates and performs best with some irrigation. Fertilize and prune for maximum flower show. Regular pruning is not necessary. If you do prune, immediately after flowering is best. Reportedly gets chlorotic in overly wet soils but responds to chelated iron fertilizers. WILL NOT TOLERATE HEAVY RED CLAY SOIL.
- **Growth:** Upright form 10'-15'H x 8'-10'W
- **Hardiness:** Zone 8-10(possibly to zone 7), Shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen, alternate, simple, 1" to 3" long and less than an inch wide. Stems continues 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 through summer. After bloom the Bottlebrush will have button-like seed capsules.

Known for its ability to attract hummingbirds and butterflies.

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