

# Crimson Upright Bottlebrush



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

## *Calistemon rigidus*

- **Use:** In the summer this Callistemon will bloom sporting spectacular bright red bottlebrush-like flowers that are great for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds. Actually the red that is seen is the showy stamens, as the petals are small and inconspicuous. Use as specimen and border for areas where you need a truly tough plant!
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun– part sun. Prefers well-drained soils. Drought tolerant once established. Fertilize and prune for maximum flower show.
- **Growth:** Mounded form to 6-8 feet tall, to 6-8 feet wide.
- **Hardiness:** 7-10, 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 to summer. After bloom the Bottlebrush will have button-like seed capsules.