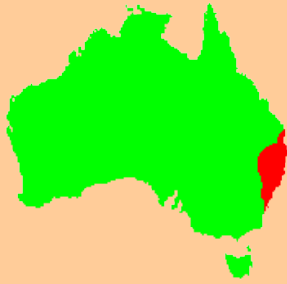


Callistemon linearis



Family: Myrtaceae

Distribution: Forests and woodlands from central New South Wales to south-east Queensland, usually in damp places

Common Name: Narrow-leaved Bottlebrush

Derivation of Name: *Callistemon*...from Greek *kalos*; beautiful and *stemon*; stamens
linearis...a reference to the narrow, linear leaves of this species

Conservation Status: Not considered to be at risk in the wild.

General Description:

Callistemon linearis is a small to medium sized shrub from about 1 - 3 metres high. It has very narrow leaves up to 100-120 mm long, with a rigid point. In general appearance, it has some similarity to *C.pinifolius* (both species having narrow leaves), although the flowers of the latter are usually pale green (and only occasionally red) in contrast with the deep red of *C.linearis*. The geographical range of both species overlaps.



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C.linearis has been cultivated for many years but is not especially common in gardens. Like *C.pinifolius*, it seems more resistant to attacks by sawfly larvae than the broader leaved species. The plant responds to annual fertilising after flowering and may be pruned severely if necessary. Many callistemons can tolerate less than perfect drainage but usually perform best in gardens with reasonable drainage and regular availability of water.

Propagation is easy from both seed and cuttings.

