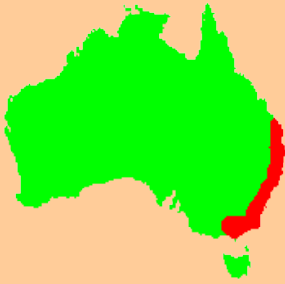


Callistemon salignus



Family: Myrtaceae

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

Common Name: Willow Bottlebrush

Derivation of Name: *Callistemon*...from Greek *kalos*; beautiful and *stemon*; stamens
salignus...from Latin *salignus*, of the willow, referring to supposed similarity of the leaves to the willow, *Salix*.

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

General Description:

Callistemon salignus is usually a small tree to about 7-8 metres high with soft, pendulous foliage and papery bark. A feature of the plant is the pink colour of the new growth. Leaves are elongated elliptical in shape to about 100 mm long by 5-15 mm wide.





Callistemon salignus

Top: The typical white flowered form. Bottom: A pink-flowered form.

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The brushes are usually about 50 mm long and cream to white in colour but pink flowered forms are sometimes seen in cultivation. Flowers occur in late spring to mid summer but some flowers may also appear in autumn.

C. salinus is well known as it has been grown in gardens and parks for many years. It is a hardy species which is suited to most soils, even those with less than perfect drainage. It grows best with adequate moisture but will tolerate extended dry periods once established.

Propagation is easy from both seed and cuttings.