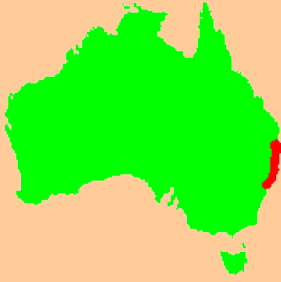


Callistemon pachyphyllus



Family: Myrtaceae

Distribution: Sandy heath of coastal New South Wales and southern Queensland.

Common Name: Wallum Bottlebrush

Derivation of Name: *Callistemon*...from Greek *kalos*; beautiful and *stemon*; stamens
pachyphyllus...from Greek *pachys*; thick and *phyllum*; a leaf

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

General Description:

Callistemon pachyphyllus is a small to medium sized shrub, usually reaching around 1 metre in height. It's common name comes from the sandy, coastal heath habitat which is known as "Wallum".



Callistemon pachyphyllus

Photo: Brian Walters

Although not widely cultivated, *Callistemon pachyphyllus* is a hardy plant under a wide range of garden conditions. The "bottlebrush" flower spikes appear in late spring and are usually red in colour. The green flowered form is the variety *viridis* which is found throughout the range of the species.

The plant responds to annual fertilising after flowering and may be pruned severely if necessary. Many *Callistemon*s 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. The green form could be expected to come true from seed.

