

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower spike and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Oudmirrah Nature Reserve, north of Milton



Flower spike, nuts, and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Adelaide, SA

Common name

Narrow-leaved bottlebrush, Stiff bottlebrush

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Forest and **heath**, in damp places. Coast, ranges, and tablelands north of Lake Conjola (south of Jervis Bay).

Notes

Shrub or tree to 3 m tall. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 4-10 cm long, 1-4 mm wide, channelled or sometimes flat, margins thickened, lower surface rough. Flower **spikes** 50-100 mm long, 40-60 mm in diameter, red. Individual flowers with 5 **petals**. **Stamen filaments** about 20–25 mm long. Flowers Spring to Summer.

Was *Callistemon rigidus*. *Callistemon rigidus* is still listed as a separate species in PlantNET.

PlantNET description (*Callistemon linearis*): <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Callistemon~linearis> (accessed 18 April 2021)

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