

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

## Common name

A Bottlebrush

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

Swamp **forest**, swamp **woodland**, and **shrubland** near streams. Megalong Valley, Blue Mountains.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 7 m high. Leaves with a distinct **mucro**. Bark slightly fissured and flaking on the trunk, almost papery on the largest stems and trunks. Branchlets hairy to almost hairless. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 3–7 cm long, 5–11 mm wide, leathery, usually hairless, margins and **midrib** thickened. Flower **spikes** 60–120 mm long, 40–55 mm wide, reddish purple, with 20–60 flowers. Individual flowers with 5 **petals**. **Stamen filaments** 17–23 mm long. Flowering: early Summer.

Critically endangered Australia. Critically endangered NSW. Provisions of the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

NSW Threatened Species profile: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=20319> (accessed 30 April 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Callistemon~purpurascens> (accessed 30 April 2021)

NSW Scientific committee description:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/threatenedspecies/determinations/PDCallpurpCR.pdf> (accessed 30 April 2021)

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