

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branch. Photographer Don Wood, South East Forests National Park SE of Bombala



Flower spikes, nuts, and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Scottsdale Bush Heritage Reserve near Bredbo



Shrub. Photographer Arthur Chapman, Pentland Hills, Vic

## Common name

River bottlebrush, Swamp bottlebrush

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

**Woodland**, along streams and wet gullies, especially in stony **habitats**. Widespread.

## Notes

**Shrub** to 3 m tall or small tree. Leaves with a **mucro**. Bark hard, fissured on old plants. Young stems hairy, becoming hairless. New leaves pinkish. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 1.2-5 cm long, 1-5 mm wide, **midrib** and **marginal veins** prominent, **lateral** veins obscure. Flower **spikes** 30-50 mm long, 20-40 mm in diameter, cream to yellow, sometimes pinkish. Individual flowers with 5 **petals**. Flowers Spring to Summer.

**Melaleuca paludicola** in the ACT.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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

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