

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Dwarf bottlebrush

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Along streams. Mainly coast, ranges, and tablelands. Naturalised in the ACT.

Notes

Shrub to 1.5 m tall. Bark hard, dark, fissured. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, mostly 2-4 cm long, 2-3 mm wide, **linear** and gradually tapering to a fine point or cylindrical, **midrib** prominent, tips with a short **mucro**. Flower **spikes** 40-80 mm long, 40-45 mm in diameter, red, sometimes purplish or pinkish. Individual flowers with 5 **petals**. **Stamen filaments** 15-20 mm long. Flowers mainly Summer, and sporadically throughout the year.

Melaleuca subulata in the ACT.

Rare Vic.

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

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