

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Flowering stems with nuts. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



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

Common name

Weeping bottlebrush

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Garden **escape**. North from Shellharbour and the Sydney area. Occasionally in the ranges west of Sydney.

In its natural **habitat**, it grows mostly along watercourses, north from Moree and Grafton.

Notes

Introduced shrub or small tree to 8 m high. Bark dark, furrowed, branches generally weeping. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 3–7 cm long, 3–7 mm wide, one side straighter than the other, **lateral veins** obscure, tips pointed. Flower **spikes** 40–100 mm long, 30–60 mm in diameter. Individual flowers with 5 **petals**. Flowers spring to early summer, also sporadically throughout the year.

Native to north of the area covered by this key.

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

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