

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Nuts. Photographer John Tann, Audley, Sydney



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



Flower spike and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Booderee National Park, Jervis Bay Territory

Common name

Crimson bottlebrush

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Shrubland, swamps, and along rocky streams. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands. Planted/garden escape in the ACT.

Notes

Shrub usually to 3 m tall. Bark generally hard. Leaf tips usually sharp. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 3-7 cm long, 5-8 mm wide, **venation** obvious on both surfaces, **glands** sometimes conspicuous. Flower **spikes** 60-100 mm long, 40-70 mm in diameter, with 40-50 flowers, red, sometimes mauve or purplish. Individual flowers with 5 **petals**. **Filaments** of the **stamens** usually bright red, sometimes purplish red or lilac, 15-25 mm long. Flowers Spring to Summer.

Melaleuca citrina in the ACT.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Callistemon~citrinus> (accessed 6 January, 2021)

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