

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



Flowering branches. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Denise Grieg, Booderee Botanic Gardens, Jervis Bay Territory

Common name

A bottlebrush

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Forest, rainforest gullies and occasionally along streams, and rocky places. Sydney area north of the Harbour, and the mountains to the west of Sydney.

Notes

Shrub or small tree to 12 m high. Leaves with sharp tips. Bark papery. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, **alternating** up the stems, 2–4 cm long, 6–8 mm wide, lower surface paler than the upper surface, **midrib** prominent, margins often curved down. Flower **spikes** white to pale cream, usually 30–50 mm long, about 20 mm in diameter. **Rachis** densely hairy when flowering. Individual flowers with 5 **petals**. **Filaments** of the **stamens** 8–10 mm long. Flowers spring.

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

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