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Callistemon citrinus

[Synonyms : *Callistemon lanceolatus*, *Metrosideros citrinus*]

CRIMSON BOTTLEBRUSH is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to south-eastern Australia it has bottlebrush-like spikes of small red flowers with very long, conspicuous, red and crimson stamens (each spike also crowned with new leaves).

It is also known as Bottlebrush, *Calistemon* (Spanish), Common red bottlebrush, *Flaschenputzer* (German), *Lampborste* (Swedish), *Lamppuharja* (Finnish), Lemon bottlebrush, Lemon-scented bottlebrush, Red bottlebrush, and *Zylinderputzer* (German).

It is pollinated by birds.

Citrinus means either 'lemon-coloured' or 'like the citron (*Citrus medica*)' with reference to the scent of the oil in the leaves.

The hard, tough wood is used for fencing.