



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Callistemon citrinus* 'Splendens' (Csp)

New species

Common Name: Splendens bottlebrush

Species Description

- Evergreen
- Round to spreading form often with low branches
- Lightly fissured brown bark
- Waxy green leaves that are pinkish when young
- Brilliant red bottlebrush flowers from October to November
- Small fruit held tightly on spikes

Height and width

3 metres tall by 3 metres wide

Species origin

Native to eastern Australia

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Can be used as a street tree, particularly on narrow verges or under powerlines
- Can be used in parks, commercial precincts and home gardens

Use considerations

- Well proven in Canberra's climate
- High frost tolerance and moderate drought tolerance
- Adaptable to a wide range of soil types and sites, however it performs better on deeper soils that retain moisture
- Can grow in drier areas, but may become sparse and woody
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Fast initial growth rate
- Moderate to high flammability
- Occasionally affected by scale
- No formative pruning required; can be rejuvenated by heavy pruning
- Produces seeds, pollen and significant nectar which attract bees, birds and butterflies
- Useful species for habitat for urban wildlife and migratory species

Examples in Canberra

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Availability

Commercially available

