



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Callistemon* 'Kings Park Special' (Ckp)

Common Name: Kings Park special bottlebrush

Species Description

- Evergreen
- Small rounded native tree/shrub
- Deeply-fissured, blackish-grey bark
- Dense crimson-red bottlebrush flowers in spring and autumn
- Fruit are woody seed capsules

Height and width

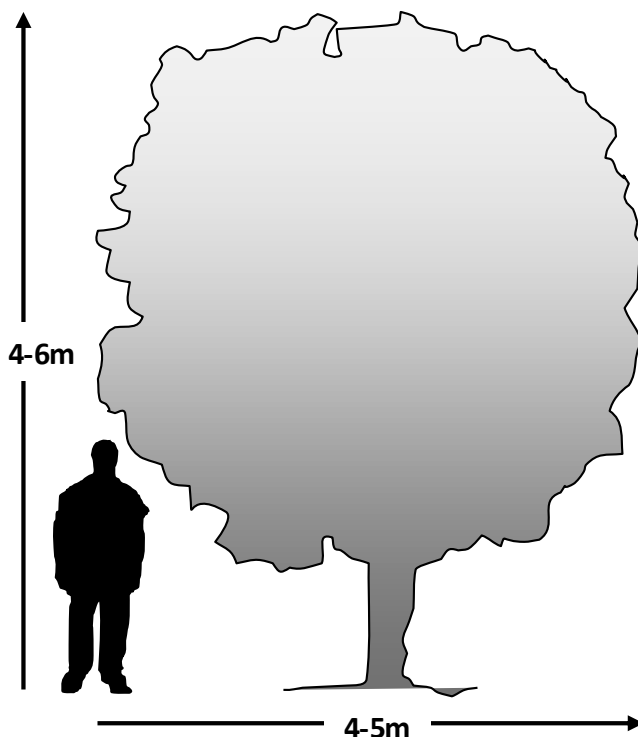
4 to 6 metres tall by 4 to 5 metres wide

Species origin

Selected at Kings Park and Botanic Garden in Perth, Western Australia

Landscape use

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



Use considerations

- Not as common as other *Callistemon* cultivars, but has performed satisfactorily in Canberra
- Moderate frost and drought tolerance
- Suitable for a range of soils, however performs better on deeper soils on flat to slightly sloping ground with better moisture retention
- Once appropriately established will tolerate seasonally dry or wets sites
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Fast initial growth rate
- Moderate to high flammability
- Occasionally affected by scale
- Can be rejuvenated after heavy pruning
- Produces pollen and seeds which attract bees, birds, butterflies and beetles
- Flowers are highly attractive to birds as a source of nectar
- Provides wildlife habitat

Examples in Canberra

Creswell Street, Campbell and the Australian National Botanic Gardens

Availability

Commercially available