



# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Callistemon viminalis* 'Dawson River Weeper' (Cdr)

**Common Name:** Dawson River weeper bottlebrush

**New species**

### Species Description

- Evergreen
- Small tree with rounded to spreading form, often with low branches
- Fissured, blackish grey bark
- Long, narrow, pendulous grey foliage; young leaves and stems are covered with silky hairs
- Bright red bottlebrush flowers during spring and autumn

### Height and width

4 to 6 metres tall by 3 to 5 metres wide

### Species origin

Originally collected from the Dawson River area in Queensland

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Suitable for use as a street tree, particularly for use on narrow verges and underneath powerlines
- Can be used in urban parks, commercial precincts and home gardens
- Excellent feature or screening plant

### Use considerations

- Moderate frost and drought tolerance
- Adaptable to most soils, however prefers deeper or more moisture retentive clay-based soils
- Suits sites with full sun or partial shade
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Fast growing
- Moderate to high flammability
- Requires formative pruning when young to promote form, and can be pruned after flowering to maintain shape
- 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

Theodore Street, Curtin; also planted in gardens throughout Canberra

### Availability

Commercially available

