



## A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT BOTTLEBRUSH GENUS CALLISTEMON VIOLACEOUS

Another of the popular bottlebrush family, the violet bottlebrush is a rounded shrub to 3 metres by height and width. It has long narrow leaves to 6cm by 1 cm in width. The typical bottlebrush blooms that arrive with the spring are Mauve-purple to about 9cm long and 5 cm in width. It is attractive and a useful screen. It excels in the more temperate part of Australia but does not perform as well north of a line through Brisbane.

Like most Callistemons, it is adaptable to a wide range of soils and climate and may be pruned severely if necessary. This species is frost hardy. Many Callistemons can tolerate less than perfect drainage but usually perform best in gardens with reasonable drainage and regular availability of water and responds well to annual fertilising after flowering and are not as sensitive as some other Australian plants to phosphorus. Propagation is easy from seed.