

Callistemon spp.

Genus: Callistemon
Family: Myrtaceae
Order: Myrtales
Class: Magnoliopsida
Phylum: Angiosperms

Key Facts:

Toxicity: Non-toxic to humans and pets.
Invasiveness: Not typically invasive.
Plant Type: Evergreen shrub or small tree.
Lifespan: Long-lived (can last decades).

Characteristics:

Plant Height: 3 to 15 feet (depending on species).
Spread: 4 to 10 feet.
Leaf Color: Green, narrow, leathery leaves.
Bloom Time: Spring to summer.
Flower Size: 2 to 4 inches long.
Flower Color: Typically red, but also pink, white, or yellow.



Distribution:

Origin: Australia.

Habitat: Found in coastal regions, along rivers, and in moist environments.

Care:

Difficulty: Easy to moderate.

Toughness: Tough, drought-tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Low.

Watering: Requires regular watering when young; drought-tolerant when mature.

Pruning: Light pruning after flowering to maintain shape.

Propagation: Seed or cuttings.

Repotting: Not necessary unless grown in containers.

Conditions:

Temperature: Prefers mild to warm temperatures.

Hardiness Zone: USDA zones 8-11.

Sun Requirements: Full sun.

Soil Type: Well-draining soil, tolerates poor soils.

Use: Ornamental plant for hedges, screens, borders, pollinator gardens, and container planting.

Location: Thrives in full sun with well-drained, sandy or loamy soil.

Pests and Diseases: Generally pest-free, but may encounter scale insects or root rot in poorly drained soil.

