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**SPECIES**

Callistemon 'Captain Cook'

**COMMON NAME**

Captain Cook Bottlebrush

**ORIGIN**

'Captain Cook' marks the 1970 bicentennial of James Cook's voyage to Australia.

**DESIGN USE**

Screen plant, erosion control or as a specimen or street tree.



**HEIGHT**

Callistemon 'Captain Cook' grows between 1.5–2 metres (4.9–6.6 ft) high. Dwarf compact shrub.

**SPREAD**

**HABIT**

It was noted to have a more dwarf and bushy habit than usual and an abundance of flower buds as a young plant. They are generally noted for their flowers, adaptability and quick growth.

**FORM**

It forms a dense, slightly weeping shrub. Leaves are narrow and 50 to 60 mm long.

**FLOWERS**

A proliferation of red "brushes" are produced in spring, with further flowering sometimes occurring in late summer or autumn.

**FLOWERING PERIOD**

Spring, late summer or autumn

**FRUIT**

Fruits are 5-6 mm in diameter and the seed is held for a few seasons.

**BARK / TRUNK**

**CLIMATIC TOLERANCES**

Callistemon 'Captain Cook' is most suited to climates ranging from cool-temperate to semi-tropical. It exhibits smog tolerance. In coastal situations it should not be exposed to severe salt spray.

**HORTICULTURE**

A sunny position enhances flowering, and it performs best when it can be watered during establishment and in spring. It is adaptable to most soils, but prefers well-composted loam. Pruning after flowering helps to maintain the plant's shape.

The cultivar must be propagated from cuttings to maintain its original characteristics. Insect problems include leaf-webbing caterpillars and scale. A small amount of chicken manure or complete plant food applied in spring is also of benefit to growth.

**REFERENCES**

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