

Callistemon salignus
(Myrtaceae)

- Common name:** White bottlebrush.
- Localities:** Widespread in the district, in suitable habitats.
- Growth form:** A small, narrowish tree to 15 m tall, with papery bark.
- Foliage:** Leaves simple, narrow, up to 11 cm long, 1.5 cm wide, reddish and silky hairy when young.
- Flowers and fruit:** Greenish-white bottle-brush spikes up to 8 cm long, appearing mainly in spring.
- Habitat:** Mostly along water courses but also in dry rainforest and run-on areas of eucalypt forest.
- Propagation and Management:** May be propagated from seed or cuttings. White bottlebrush is a hardy and drought-tolerant species.
- General:** Like the related weeping bottlebrush (*C. viminalis*), which also occurs in our area, there are many horticultural forms which differ in colour and floriferousness. Both species are useful for creek-bank stabilisation, and both attract nectar-feeding birds.

