


Crimson Bottlebrush

The Crimson Bottlebrush is one of Australia's most common and recognisable forms of native vegetation. The tree was one of the first native plants to be grown outside the country when it was taken to England in 1770 by Sir Joseph Banks. The fragrant, red brush-like flower heads are a great source of pollen for native birds. The leaves give off a lemon scent when crushed, hence the botanical name *citrinus*. The small dark leaves form a dense shrub-like canopy that is accentuated by the pops of red from the flowers. These plants are hardy and drought-tolerant, requiring very little maintenance beyond a light prune.



You can see an example of Crimson Bottlebrush plantings at 3 Almond Street, Constitution Hill.



 Botanic name	Callistemon citrinus
 Origin	East coast Australia
 Typical height	2-5m
 Typical width	2-5m
 Leaf	Small dark green. New growth has soft silky hair
 Bark	Fibrous, brown papery bark
 Flowers	Large red brush-like
 Fruit Pod	Cup-shaped brown capsules that open after the death of the branch or plant

