

Botanical Name: *Callistemon x viminalis* 'Little John'

Common Name: Little John Bottlebrush

kal-LIS-tem-on vi-min-AY-lis

SHRUB



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

Family: Myrtaceae

Origin: Australia

Climate Zone: USDA 8-11, Sunset 8-9, 12-28

Mature Height: 3 feet

Mature Width: 3 feet

Plant Type: Evergreen

Growth Habit: Naturally rounded

Growth Rate: Slow

Flower Color/Details: Crimson and gold brush

Flower Season: Year-round, peaking summer

Bark: Gray

Fruit: N/A

Foliage: Blue-green, narrow, oval, 3-inch long

Use: Foundation plant in mixed borders, mass as low hedge, tall groundcover in harsh conditions

Floral: Dried flower bracts in arrangements

Wildlife/Beneficials: Hummingbirds, butterflies and native bees

Deer Resistant: Yes

Fire Resistant: Yes

Medicinal Uses/Edible: Unknown

Adverse Factors: Pollen can irritate or cause allergic reactions

Soil: Adaptable, well-drained.

Exposure: Full sun, protect from freezing.

Water Requirements: Low, drought tolerant

WUCOLS Water Needs: L L M M / M

UC Davis Arboretum All-Star: No

Description: Blue-green leaves contrast with crimson flowers. Winter bloom feeds hummingbirds. *C. citrinus*, often sold as *C. x viminalis*, grows four times larger.

Maintenance: Deep water until established, at 2 to 3 years. For bushy fullness, fertilize in early spring and prune, if necessary after peak summer bloom. Remove deadwood, but don't cut below leaves into live, bare wood, may not re-leaf.



#1 Nursery Container