Weeping Bottlebrush

Callistemon viminalis

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Description:

This gracefully weeping large shrub makes a unique addition to the landscape; its fine, gray-green foliage, gives it a soft appearance; branch ends are adorned with striking red bottlebrush flowers all season

Ornamental Features

Weeping Bottlebrush features showy spikes of red catkins at the ends of the branches from mid spring to late fall. It has attractive grayish green evergreen foliage. The fragrant narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Weeping Bottlebrush is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a rounded form and gracefully weeping branches. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Weeping Bottlebrush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Weeping Bottlebrush flowers
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Weeping Bottlebrush in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Weeping Bottlebrush will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.

Weeping Bottlebrush makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.



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