Kings Park Special Bottlebrush

Callistemon 'Kings Park Special'

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Description:

An exceptional selection featuring bright red bottlebrush blooms that are large and eye catching; blooms in spring and early summer; may be pruned to shape or allowed to grow into a small tree; adaptable, and tolerant of light frost



Kings Park Special Bottlebrush flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Kings Park Special Bottlebrush features showy spikes of red catkins at the ends of the branches from mid spring to early summer. It has attractive green foliage with grayish green undersides. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Kings Park Special Bottlebrush is an open multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Kings Park Special Bottlebrush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



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Planting & Growing

Kings Park Special Bottlebrush will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Kings Park Special Bottlebrush makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base 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.