



Woodlander's Hardy Bottlebrush

Callistemon 'Woodlander's Hardy'

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Description:

An exceptionally hardy selection presenting eye catching, bright red bottlebrush flowers; blooms more heavily in summer, then sporadically going into fall; may die back to the ground in zone 7 during a cold winter

Ornamental Features

Woodlander's Hardy Bottlebrush features showy spikes of red catkins at the ends of the branches from early to mid summer. It has green evergreen foliage. The small narrow leaves remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Woodlander's Hardy 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Woodlander's Hardy Bottlebrush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Woodlander's Hardy Bottlebrush
flowers*
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Woodlander's Hardy Bottlebrush in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Woodlander's Hardy Bottlebrush will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Woodlander's Hardy Bottlebrush makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use 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.