

CALISTEMON CITRINUS



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Callistemon citrinus, commonly known in Türkiye as Brush Bush or Lemon Bottle Brush, is an evergreen, striking ornamental plant native to Australia.



- It is a shrub or small tree-like plant that can generally grow up to 3 to 5 meters tall, with thin, dense, and slightly drooping branches.
- Its evergreen, lance-shaped leaves release a pleasant lemon-like scent when crushed.
- Its most striking feature is its bright red, cylindrical flowers, resembling bottle cleaning brushes, that bloom at the tips of young shoots from mid-spring to autumn (year-round in temperate climates).

Cultivation and Uses

- It prefers full sun and sheltered environments. It is heat tolerant but sensitive to frost; its roots can be damaged at temperatures below -5°C. In Türkiye, it can be easily grown outdoors, especially in coastal areas.
- It prefers well-drained, moist, sandy soil rich in organic matter. It is tolerant of waterlogging and drought, but regular watering increases flower yield.



In landscaping, it is used as a focal point, either individually or in groups. In Türkiye, it is frequently preferred in gardens and parks, especially along the Aegean and Mediterranean coasts. Brushwood is a highly valuable plant in landscaping. It can be used individually as a focal point, in groups, or as a hedge plant in parks and gardens. In cold climates, it can be grown in large pots and moved to a sheltered area during the winter months.