



bottlebrush

CALLISTEMON

Botanical name: A number of species are used: *Callistemon viminalis*, *C. citrinus*

Family: Myrtaceae

Common names: Bottlebrush

Country of Origin: Australia

Available: late spring to summer

Stem Length: 30 to 60 cm

Callistemons are true bottle brushes and are very popular garden plants in Australia.

Flower spikes are made up of a large number of individual flowers. The coloured fluffy appearance comes from the pollen-bearing stamens, as the petals are so small they are virtually invisible. Like other flowers where the displays are made up of anthers or stamens, vase life is short.

Flower colour varies between species; most are red, but some are yellow, green, orange or white.

Bottlebrushes are easily recognised by the seed clusters that are produced after flowering. They surround a portion of each stem (where the previous year's flowers were) with a number of seed capsules. These remain on the plant with the seeds enclosed for many years, until stimulated to open either when the plant dies or by fire.

Callistemon is grown as a field crop. Most are grown in WA, SA, NSW and Victoria.

WHEN BUYING LOOK FOR:

- Buy when at least ½ the flowers in a spike are open and brightly coloured;
- Avoid bunches with wilted tips, yellow leaves or where all flowers are in tight bud.

FLOWER CARE

1. Keep cool at all times.
2. Strip leaves from the lower half of each stem and wash stem ends thoroughly.
3. Recut at least 2 cm off each stem and place in water immediately.
4. Do not bash or split stem ends.
5. Always use a preservative as this will help keep open flowers looking fresh.
6. Replace vase water with fresh preservative every day.



callistemon viminalis



callistemon citrinus

INTERESTING FACTS AND MYTHS

Joseph Banks first grew Callistemon at Kew in 1789 and they are still grown in Europe today.

THIS WEEK'S PRICES

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
AGERATUM	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
ALLIUM - GIANT	PER STEM	\$4.00
ALSTROEMERIA	SML - 7, LGE - 10	\$3.50 TO \$6.00
AMARANTHUS	10	\$6.00 TO \$8.50
ANEMONE		\$4.50
ANTHURIUM	PER STEM	\$1.50 TO \$3.50
ARABS EYES	5	\$3.50 TO \$4.50
ARUM LILIES	5	\$5.00 TO \$6.50
ASTERS		\$2.00 TO \$2.50
BANKSIA - BAXTERI	PER STEM	\$1.20 TO \$2.50
BANKSIA - COCCINEA	5	\$5.00
BANKSIA - HOOKERIANA	PER STEM	\$1.60
BANKSIA - MENZIESII	PER STEM	\$1.40 TO \$1.80
BANKSIA - SPECIOSA	PER STEM	\$1.20 TO \$2.00
BLUSHING BRIDE	5	\$3.00 TO \$6.00
CALENDULA	10	\$2.00
CALLA LILY	5	\$7.50 TO \$15.00
CALLISTEMON (BOTTLEBRUSH)	PER STEM	0.50
CAMPANULA (CANTERBURY BELLS)		\$7.00
CARNATION HEADS	BOX	\$10.00 TO \$15.00
CARNATION - MICRO	10	\$2.00 TO \$3.50
CARNATION - FIELD		\$1.50 TO \$3.00
CARNATION - SPRAY		\$3.50 TO \$4.00
CARNATION - CHINESINI	10-15	\$2.50 TO \$3.50
CARNATION - FIELD		\$1.50 TO \$2.50
CARNATION - SIM		\$3.00 TO \$4.00
CELOSIA - COCKSCOMB	5	\$4.00 TO \$7.00
CELOSIA - PLUME	5	\$5.00
CHRYSANTHEMUM - DISBUD	5	\$6.50 TO \$8.50
CHRYSANTHEMUM - FIELD		\$2.50 TO \$4.50
CHRYSANTHEMUM - GLASSHOUSE	5-7	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
COSMOS		\$2.00
DAFFODILS	10	\$2.50 TO \$3.00
DAHLIA	5	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
DAISY		\$2.50 TO \$3.50
DELPHINIUM - GIANT	5	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
DELPHINIUM - BUTTERFLY	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.50
EASTER DAISY		\$2.50 TO \$3.50
ERICA	10	\$6.00
ERICHEER		\$2.50 TO \$3.00
ERYNGIUM (SEA HOLLY)		\$7.50
FLANNEL FLOWER	5	\$5.00 TO \$7.00
FREESIA	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
GERBERA	10	\$7.00 TO \$10.00
GERBERA - MINI	10	\$3.50 TO \$5.50
GLADIOLI	10	\$8.00 TO \$12.00
GLORIOSA LILY	3	\$5.00 TO \$20.00
GOLDEN ROD (SOLIDAGO)	10	\$2.50 TO \$4.00
GYMEA LILIES	PER STEM	\$5.00 TO \$10.00
GYPSOPHILA - STANDARD		\$3.00 TO \$5.00
GYPSY		\$3.00
HELICONIA	5	\$6.00
HELICONIA CLAW	PER STEM	\$4.00 TO \$7.50
HELICONIA SEXY	PER STEM	\$7.50 TO \$10.00
HYACINTH		\$4.50 TO \$5.50
HYDRANGEA	5	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
IRIS	10	\$4.50 TO \$6.50
IXODIA DAISY	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
JONQUILS	10	\$2.50
KALE	PER STEM	\$2.50
KANGAROO PAW -BLACK		\$8.00
KANGAROO PAW - STANDARD	10	\$5.50
LAVENDER		\$3.00
LEUCADENDRON	5	\$2.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCADENDRON - DISCOLOUR	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCADENDRON - GALAPINI	5	\$4.50
LEUCADENDRON - SAFARI	10	\$4.00
LEUCADENDRON - SILVAN RED	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCODENDRON - SILVER TREE		\$3.00
LEUCOSPERMUM - REFLEXUM	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCOSPERMUM - TANGO	5	\$6.00
LIATRIS	10	\$3.50 TO \$7.00
LILY - ASIATIC	5	\$4.50 TO \$5.00
LILY - LONGIFLORUM	5	\$5.00 TO \$10.00
LILY - ORIENTAL	5	\$10.00 TO \$13.00
LILY - LA	5	\$4.50 TO \$6.00
LIMONIUM - EMILE	10	\$3.50 TO \$4.50
LIMONIUM - MISTY	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
LIMONIUM - STATICE	10	\$2.00 TO \$2.50
LISIANTHUS	7-10	\$3.50 TO \$8.00
LOTUS PODS		\$3.00
NERINES	10	\$4.50 TO \$6.00
ORCHID - CYMBIDIUM	PER STEM	\$13.00 TO \$17.00

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
ORCHID - SINGAPORE	5	\$4.00 TO \$8.00
ORCHID - TIGER	5	\$11.50
PEONY ROSE	5	\$18.50
POKERS	5	\$4.50 TO \$6.00
POPPIES	10	\$3.50
PROTEA - KING	PER STEM	\$1.00 TO \$2.00
PROTEA - PINK ICE		\$2.50 TO \$4.00
QUEEN ANNE'S LACE		\$6.50
RANUNCULUS		\$3.50
ROSE - 30CM	10	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
ROSE - 40CM	10	\$4.00 TO \$9.00
ROSE - 50CM	10	\$5.00 TO \$10.00
ROSE - 60CM	10	\$9.00 TO \$11.00
ROSE - 70CM+	10	\$10.00 TO \$12.00
ROSE - MINI	10	\$4.50 TO \$7.00
SEDUM	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
SNAPDRAGON	10	\$2.50 TO \$5.00
SOLIDASTER	10	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
STOCK		\$3.50
STRAWBERRY FIELDS		\$2.50 TO \$3.00
STRELITZIA - BIRD OF PARADISE	5	\$6.00 TO \$9.00
SUNFLOWERS	5	\$3.50
SWEET WILLIAM		\$2.00 TO \$2.50
TULIPS	10	\$6.00 TO \$9.00
VIOLETS		\$2.50
WATER LILIES	5	\$8.00 TO \$12.00
WAX FLOWER (BUD)		\$3.00 TO \$4.00
YUCCA	PER BLOOM	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
FOLIAGE		
ACACIA PODALYRIIFOLIA		\$4.50
ANDROMEDA		\$4.50
BANANA LEAF	20	\$20.00
BIXIA		\$6.50
BULLRUSHES	4	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
BUXUS	7	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
CAMELLIA		\$4.50 TO \$5.00
CORDYLINE	10	\$4.50 TO \$5.00
CYPRUS	10	\$2.50
DODDA VINE		\$4.50
EMU BUSH		\$3.00 TO \$5.00
FAN PALM	10	\$5.00
FLAX		\$3.50 TO \$7.50
GARRYA	3	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
GERBERA FOLIAGE		\$3.00
GINGER FOLIAGE		\$5.00
GREVILLIA (FLOWERING - MOONLIGHT)		\$4.00
GUM		\$2.50
HAPPY PLANT	10	\$6.00
HOLLY (GOLDEN)	5-6	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
HOSTA LEAVES		\$4.00
HYPERICUM BERRIES	10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
HYPOCALYMMIA (MYRTLE - GOLDEN VEIL)	30CM (200GM)	\$5.50
IVY		\$3.00 TO \$4.50
JOEY FERN	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
KOALA FERN	10	\$4.50
LEATHER FERN		\$4.00 TO \$5.00
LILLY PILLY		\$4.00
LIQUIDAMBER		\$2.50 TO \$6.00
LUCULIA	5-10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
MAGNOLIA FOLIAGE	5	\$6.00 TO \$9.00
MAPLE		\$5.00
MELALEUCA	10	\$5.00
MING FERN		\$4.50
MOLUCCA BALM (IRISH BELLS)	5	\$4.50 TO \$5.50
MONSTERIA LEAVES		\$6.50 TO \$9.00
NANDINA		\$3.50
NECTARINE (BUDDING)	5	\$5.00 TO \$30.00
OAK		\$5.00
OKRA PODS	5	\$7.50
PAPYRUS	5	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
PAULONIA		\$6.00
PEPPERCORN		\$4.50 TO \$5.50
PHILODENDRON - XANADU	5-6	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
PIMELEA		\$5.50
POLYGALA		\$2.50 TO \$3.00
RED WILLOW	5	\$5.00
SILVER BUSH	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
SILVER SUEDE		\$5.00 TO \$6.00
SPEAR GRASS		\$2.00 TO \$3.00
TETRAGONA GUM NUTS	10	\$5.50 TO \$6.50
THRYPTOMENE		\$2.50
UMBRELLA BERRIES (LIPSTICK)	5	\$8.00
WOODY PEAR	PER STEM	\$1.00