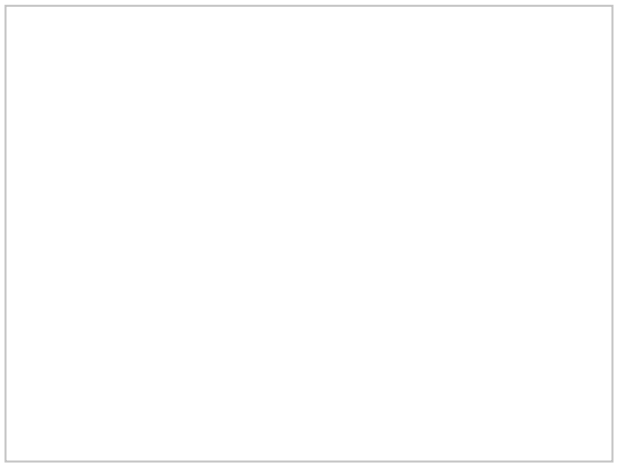
Callistemon 'Captain Cook'



Callistemon 'Captain Cook' is a cultivar of the plant genus *Callistemon*, widely grown as an ornamental plant.
The cultivar originated as a seedling of *Callistemon viminalis*. It was noted to have a more dwarf and bushy habit than usual and an abundance of flower buds as a young plant. Originally known and sold as 'Compacta', the name was changed to 'Captain Cook' to mark the 1970 bicentennial of James Cook's voyage to Australia. At a later stage, plants grown from seed were distributed under this name, and the true-to-type variety, which can only be propagated from cuttings became difficult to obtain.
Callistemon 'Captain Cook' grows between 1.5 2 metres (4.9 6.6 ft) high. It forms a dense, slightly weeping shrub. Leaves are narrow and 50 to 60 mm long.
A proliferation of red "brushes" are produced in spring, with further flowering sometimes occurring in late summer or autumn.
Callistemon 'Captain Cook' is most suited to climates ranging from cool-temperate to semi-tropical.
A sunny position enhances flowering, and it performs best when it can be watered during establishment and in spring. It is adaptable to most soils, but prefers well-composted loam. Pruning after flowering helps to maintain the plant's shape.
The cultivar must be propagated from cuttings to maintain its original characteristics.

Category: Flowering shrubs
Families: Myrtaceae
Genus: Callistemon
Species: viminalis "Captain Cook"
Geographical Area of Origin: Oceania
Climatic Zones: Sub-tropical, USDA 10 b (Southern Italy and islands)
Habit: Shrub
Leaves: Evergreen
Colore Foglie: Verde
Flowering Period: Marzo / Aprile / Maggio / Giugno / Luglio / Agosto / Settembre / Ottobre

Flower: Ear
Colore Fiori: Rosso
Favorite soil: Sub-acid / medium acid / Middle-Dough / Medium soil
Water needs: Medium
Light Exposure: Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun
Form: Tree / Grown as shrub / bush
Colore Frutti: Marrone