PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Melaleuca viminalis* (Sol. ex Gaertn.) Byrnes

**GENUS** *Melaleuca* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Weeping bottlebrush

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** flower - nectar

The nectar is sucked from the flowers.

## DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 6 m tall. The leaves are sword shaped. They are 8 cm long by 1 cm wide. They are hairy. The branches hand down. The flowers form red brushes 10 cm long.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows near rivers.

## NOTES

There are about 25-30 Callistemon species.

## PICTURES



Credit: Food Plants International (Bruce French)

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