

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 