# Wilson's Lifestyle Centre

### Rose Bottlebrush

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# Rose Bottlebrush Callistemon 'Rosea'

Hardiness Zone: 8b

### **Description:**

A striking, colorful variety with intense fuchsia blooms that are large and eye catching; blooms heavily in spring, then sporadically through summer and fall

#### **Ornamental Features**

Rose Bottlebrush features showy spikes of fuchsia catkins at the ends of the branches from mid spring to late fall. It has grayish green deciduous foliage. The narrow leaves do not develop any appreciable fall colour.



Rose Bottlebrush flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Rose Bottlebrush is an open multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting bees and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Rose Bottlebrush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

#### **Planting & Growing**

Rose Bottlebrush will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

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Rose Bottlebrush makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.