

Bottle Brush - Plant



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| Common name | Flower colours | Bloom time | Height | Difficulty |
| bottlebrush grass | Light brown | September to October | 1.5 to 2 feet | Easy to grow |

Planting and care

Outdoors, plant bottlebrush shrubs in a sunny location. The plants aren't picky about the soil type as long as it is well drained. If the soil is very poor, enrich with compost at planting time. Once established, bottlebrush plants tolerate drought and moderate salt spray.

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| Sunlight | Soil | Water | Temperature | Fertilizer |
| Full sun to part shade | Well drained soil | Medium | 30 to 40 degrees C | Apply any organic fertilizer |

Caring for Bottle Brush

- Fertilize bottlebrush plants with 10-10-10 fertilizer in the spring before new growth begins.
- Water bottlebrush plants deeply about once a week during the first growing season to help establish the roots.
- Reduce watering after the plant finishes blooming at the end of summer since bottlebrush is very drought-resistant.
- Weeping bottlebrush requires more water during the growing season, so water it more often during hot or dry periods to keep the soil

moist but not soggy.

- Trim off overgrown shoots and shape the plant with pruning shears in the fall once the flowers are finished blooming.

Typical uses of Bottle Brush

Special features: Plant in clumps, mass or naturalize in a lightly-shaded woodland setting, native plant garden or naturalized area.

Ornamental use: The plant is used for ornamental purpose. Its generally kep indoor in living room and in terrac area.

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