



## **Callistemon Care Details**

The following will be of use to ensure that your plant has the best possible start.

- Take care on opening. The netting is best cut at the base of the container and pulled upwards to remove. Please be careful as you can easily snag the stem or leaves.
- Using a slow or controlled release fertilizer when planting will ensure that your plant is correctly fed and will grow at an optimum rate remembering to re-pot as necessary. John Innes or general multi- purpose compost will usually have sufficient food for the first 4-6 weeks, if no food is added.
- Callistemon will live outside in full–sun all year round in most parts of the UK and these are fairly hardy. Frost is not a problem but continued cold winds are best avoided until established. Simple fleece protection can be provided in colder areas.
- Please do not plant in a very exposed windy site.
- In colder parts of the country, it may be advisable to mulch the base well with wood chippings or similar and wrap with horticultural fleece.
- Callistemon will grow best in full sun in well-drained soil and occasional pruning will keep them looking a nice shape. Flowers are produced from late spring and continual deadheading will prolong the flowering.
- Please have a look at [www.easytropicals.com](http://www.easytropicals.com) for companion ideas & a general hardiness guide. If you have any questions please email for a prompt reply.

Many thanks for looking.