

Calliandra tweediei

COMMON NAME

Mexican flamebush, Red powderpuff

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Calliandra tweediei Benth.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

A very rare garden escape in the Auckland region - usually found in unkept gardens or in places where garden waste has been carelessly discarded.

SIMILAR TAXA

Calliandra brevipes Benth. is similar but is taller, has dark red-green leaves, pale pink to whitish-pink flowers and sets seeds prolifically.

FLOWERING

January - May

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

FRUITING

Year round

YEAR NATURALISED

2004

ORIGIN

Central America

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/calliandra-tweediei/>



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