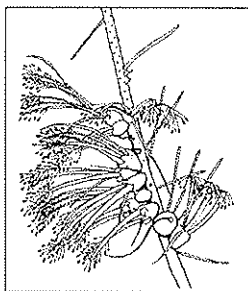


## DIFFERENT FORMS OF ONE-SIDED BOTTLEBRUSH

The well-known one-sided bottlebrush, *Calothamnus quadrifidus*, is a common species widespread throughout the south-west. It is a dense shrub whose bright red flowers in spring are an important source of nectar for honeyeaters. It is also used extensively in revegetation, as it is simple to collect the seeds, germinates easily and grows well in all sorts of locations. But its also quite variable – plants from different locations can look quite distinct. Investigation by botanical researchers is now suggesting that it is not one species, but several. There'll be more names to learn!



In the meantime, this makes it even more important that you use locally collected seed for any revegetation project, so that plants from another area don't contaminate the local gene pool, especially if it is within honeyeater flight distance from a local population to which the birds could, perhaps, carry pollen. How far is that? Well, CSIRO's work at Kellerberrin showed that brown honeyeaters can travel 12.5km to a favourite feeding spot!