

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Mature flower head. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Immature flower heads. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Cone with maturing seed. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, north of Coffs Harbour

Common name

Wallum banksia

Family

Proteaceae

Where found

Woodland and tall **shrubland** on consolidated sand dunes and sandy flats which are sometimes seasonally waterlogged. Coastal north from the Sydney area.

Notes

Tree or **shrub** to 8 m high. Bark warty, slightly **friable**, brownish. Branchlets hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3–20 cm long, 5–30 mm wide, margins toothed, both surfaces rusty-hairy, eventually becoming hairless, tips squared off to notched with a **mucro**. Flower **heads** 40–200 mm long, of many flowers. Individual flowers pale yellow to greenish cream, with 4 '**petals**' each 35–45 mm long, which split to the base when the flowers are fully open. **Style** greenish, slightly curved, remaining on mature **cones**. Cones 40–200 mm long. Flowering: mainly March–June. Seeds with one **wing**.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Banksia~aemula> (accessed 30 April 2021)

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