

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, Morton National Park



Cone. Photographer John Tann, Dharawal Nature Reserve, SW of Sydney



Shrub. Photographer John Tann, Botany Bay National Park, Sydney

## Common name

Heath-leaved banksia

## Family

Proteaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **heath**. Coast, ranges, and tablelands, north of Broulee.

## Notes

Tree or **shrub** to 6 m high. Bark smooth, becoming corky, grey-brown. Branchlets with **lenticels**, hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, crowded, 0.9–2 cm long, about 1 mm wide, upper surface green, becoming hairless, lower surface paler, hairy, margins **entire** and rolled down, with a small tooth at each side near the tip, tips squared off or notched, **mucronate**. Flower **heads** 70–220 mm long, of many flowers. Individual flowers golden-brown to yellow, often mauve towards the base, with 4 **'petals'** each 19–28 mm long, which split to the base when the flowers are fully open. **Style** hooked below the tips, gold to orange-red, remaining on mature **cones**. Cones 70–220 mm long. Flowers mainly April–August. Seeds with one **wing**.

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

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