

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower cone. Photographer Don Wood, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Mature cone and leafy stems. Photographer Casliber, Stanwell Tops south of Sydney



Shrub. Photographer John Tann, BurnumBurnum Sanctuary, Sydney

Common name

Fern-leaved banksia

Family

Proteaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **heath**. Coast and ranges north of Moruya.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m high. Bark smooth, with small **lenticels**, reddish to grey-brown. Branchlets rusty-hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, mostly 5–8 cm long, 15–20 mm wide, mature leaves white or pale green on the lower surface, margins usually toothed, rarely more or less **entire**, tips pointed, squared off, or blunt with a **mucro**. Flower **heads** 50–150 mm long, of many flowers. Individual flowers pale yellow, buds tinged grey-blue, with 4 '**petals**' each 20–25 mm long, splitting to the base when the flowers are fully open. **Style** straight, cream, not remaining on mature **cones**. Cones 50–150 mm long. Flowering: chiefly March–June. Seeds with one **wing**.

Natural hybrids with *Banksia robur* are recorded.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Banksia-oblongifolia> (accessed 4 January, 2021)

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