

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads (subsp. *paludosa*). Unopened flowers left; open flowers right. Photographer Don Wood, Yerrilyong State Forest west of Jervis Bay



Flower head (unopened flowers) and leaves. Photographer Liz Allen, Ben Boyd National Park south of Eden



Cone. Photographer Ognis insignis, Banksia Farm WA



Shrub. Photographer Casliber, Blue Muintains

Common name

Swamp Banksia

Family

Proteaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, on sandstone ridges, and near swamps and creeks.

subsp. *astrolux*: Ranges between Lake Burragorang and west of Bargo.

subsp. *paludosa*: Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands.

Notes

Shrub to 5 m high. Bark more or less smooth. Branchlets rusty hairy, soon becoming hairless. Leaves **whorled** or **alternating** up the stems, 4–13 cm long, 10–30 mm wide, lower surface white-hairy, becoming more or less hairless, **midrib** and **lateral veins** yellowish to brown, margins **entire** to toothed, tips blunt with a short **mucro**. Flower **heads** 70–130 mm long, of many flowers. Individual flowers golden brown, becoming gold after the flowers open, with 4 '**petals**' each 16–20 mm long, splitting to the base when the flowers are fully open. **Styles** straight except for a slight bend near the tip, gold to cream, more or less remaining on the mature **cone**. **Cones** 70–130 mm long. Flowers April–July. Seeds with one **wing**.

subsp. *astrolux*: Shrub to 5 m high, **lignotuber** absent.

subsp. *paludosa*: Shrub to 2 m high, lignotuber present.

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

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