

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower head and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flower heads (flowers not open). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne, Vic



Shrubs. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Swamp banksia

Family

Proteaceae

Where found

Woodland and **heath** in more or less permanently damp sites. Coast and ranges north from west of Albion Park.

Notes

Shrub usually to 2 m high. Bark smooth. Branchlets rusty-hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, usually 12–30 cm long, 50–90 mm wide, lower surface white-hairy, **main veins** with brownish hairs, margins toothed or sometimes almost **entire**, tips squared off to notched, and with a small abrupt point. Flower **heads** 100–170 mm long, of many flowers. Individual flowers with greenish cream bases and metallic green tips, turning dull and then brown after the flowers open, with 4 '**petals**', each 20–25 mm long, splitting to the base when the flowers are fully open. **Style** mostly straight, cream to pale green, remaining on mature **cones**. Cones 100–170 mm long. Seeds with one **wing**.

Natural hybrids with *Banksia oblongifolia* have been recorded.

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

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