

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads. Australian Plant Image Index. Photographer Murray Fagg, Joseph Banks Native Plant Reserve, Sutherland



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Trunk. Australian Plant Image Index. Photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Peter Ollerenshaw, naturally occurring in Booderee Botanic Gardens, Jervis Bay Territory

Common name

Old-man banksia, Saw banksia

Family

Proteaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **shrubland**. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands.

Notes

Tree or **shrub** to 16 m high. Bark thick, warty, more or less **friable**, grey-brown. Branchlets hairy with pale, **velvety** hairs, finally becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, more or less crowded, 5–20 cm long, 10–45 mm wide, upper surface green and shiny, lower surface rusty-hairy, becoming more or less hairless, margins more or less toothed except near the base, tips squared off and with a short **mucro**. Flower **heads** 70–200 mm long, of many flowers. Individual flowers creamy-grey, with 4 '**petals**' each 38–45 mm long, splitting to the base when the flowers are fully open. **Styles** bent down and outward, cream, remaining on mature **cones**. Cones 70–200 mm long. Flowering: January–June. Seeds with one **wing**.

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

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