

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower head, cone, and leafy stem. Photographer Don Wood, Wadbilliga National Park



Young flower head with unopened flowers. Photographer Richard Hartland, Anglers Rest, Vic



Seeding cone. Photographer Richard Hartland, Anglers Rest, Vic



Shrub. Photographer Jackie Mles

Common name

Mountain banksia

Family

Proteaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, **mallee shrubland**, rocky areas, and stream banks, at higher altitudes. Ranges and tablelands south from Numeralla (east of Cooma), particularly Wadbilliga National Park. Kosciuszko National Park and nearby to the west.

Notes

Shrub to 3 m high. Leaf margins **entire** or with a few spiny teeth. Leaf tips with sharp points, sometimes the margins with a few spiny teeth. Bark reddish to grey-brown, smooth, with **lenticels**. Branchlets hairy, finally becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2–10 cm long, mostly 5–10 mm wide, tips **mucronate**, margins entire or with a few spiny teeth, upper surface dark green, more or less hairless, lower surface white-hairy, **main veins** rusty-hairy. Flower **heads** 50–150 mm long, of many flowers. Individual flowers pinkish mauve in bud, pale yellow, often with grey to blue grey tips when open, with 4 '**petals**' each 15–20 mm long, which split to the base when the flowers are fully open. **Style** generally curved, not remaining on mature **cones**. Cones 50–150 mm long. Flowers most of the year. Seeds with one **wing**.

Rare Vic.

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

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