

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Closeup of flower head. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer A Lyne Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

Common name

A Banksia

Family

Proteaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **woodland** in rocky areas. Ranges north from Nattai National Park.

Notes

Shrub to 4 m high. Bark smooth, thin, grey. Branchlets more or less **striate**, rusty-hairy when young. Leaves **whorled**, 4–12 cm long, 10–40 mm wide, margins usually toothed or lobed, lower surface white-hairy, **midrib** and **lateral veins** with more or less persistent rusty hairs, tips blunt and often **mucronate**. Flower **heads** 70–190 mm long, of many flowers. Individual flowers yellowish green to bluish grey in bud, yellow in open flowers, with 4 '**petals**' each 20–25 mm long, splitting to the base when the flowers are fully open. **Style** slightly curved, pale yellow, remaining on mature **cones**. Flowers March–June. Seeds with one **wing**.

Hybrids with *Banksia marginata* have been recorded.

PlantNET description (as *Banksia penicillata*: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Banksia~penicillata> (accessed 17 April 2021)

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