

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower cones and leaves (var. *collina*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flowering stem (var. *cunninghamii*). Photographer Don Wood, Yambulla State Forest, SW of Eden



Flowering stems (var. *spinulosa*). Photographer Don Wood, Yerrinyong State Forest west of Jervis Bay



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

## Common name

Hairpin Banksia

## Family

Proteaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **heath**.

var. *collina*: North of Wollongong. Coast, ranges, and tablelands.

var. *cunninghamii*: Coast and ranges south of Eden.

var. *spinulosa*: Coast, ranges, and tablelands.

## Notes

**Shrub** to about 5 m high, **lignotuber** present or absent. Bark smooth, thin, brown, becoming **tessellated**. Branchlets hairy, sometimes eventually becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, scattered, 2–10 cm long, 1–10 mm wide, margins **entire** to strongly toothed, and flat to curved or rolled down, lower surface hairy, concealed or conspicuous, tips blunt to squared off (vars. *collina* and *spinulosa*), or **mucronate** (var; *cunninghamii*). Flower **heads** 60–200 mm long, of many flowers. Individual flowers yellow or golden, with 4 '**petals**', each 20–30 mm long, splitting to the base when the flowers are fully open. **Style** hooked below the tip, yellow throughout or dark red to purple-black, falling within a year. **Cones** 60–200 mm long. Flowers April–August. Seeds with one **wing**.

**var. collina**: Lignotuber present. Leaves 3–10 cm long, 1–10 mm wide, lower surface concealed or conspicuous, margins usually toothed in the upper part, and flat to curved or rolled down.

*Banksia collina* in PlantNET.

PlantNET description (as *Banksia collina*): <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Banksia-collina> (accessed 29 April 2021)

**var. *cunninghamii***: Lignotuber absent. Leaves 2–7 cm long, 2–5 mm wide, lower surface hairy, white, grey or brown. **Adult** leaves with mostly entire margins except for a few teeth towards the tip, and curved to rolled down. **Juvenile** leaves strongly toothed.

*Banksia cunninghamii* in PlantNET.

PlantNET description (as *Banksia cunninghamii*): <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Banksia-cunninghamii> (accessed 29 April 2021)

**var. *spinulosa***: Leaves 3–10 cm long, 1–10 mm wide, lower surface concealed or conspicuous, margins usually toothed in the upper part, and flat to curved or rolled down.

*Banksia spinulosa* in PlantNET.

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PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Banksia-spinulosa> (accessed 29 April 2021)

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