

Coastal Banksia

Banksia integrifolia

When to look:

Throughout year; flowers usually January to June

Tree to 25 m; bark grey-brown, thick, roughly tessellated (mosaic-like)

Leaves pointed or having broad, shallow notch at tip; arranged in ring, lance-shaped; upper surface dark green, lower surface white

Flowers pale yellow, cylindrical spikes forming brush shape, 6-12 cm long, flowers Jan-June

Similar species:

Can be differentiated from Silver Banksia (*B. marginata*) by lacking the deep notch at tip of leaf. Coastal Banksia also have larger leaves and flowers; leaves are also whorled around the stem (several coming out from the same point on the stem) instead of alternate.

Mountain Banksia (*B. canei*): found above 600m in semi-alpine areas of NSW and Victoria, has some sharp points on leaves, stouter flowers and larger follicles



Seed screscent-shaped, 6-10 mm long. Seed “cones” open spontaneously on ripening 8-10 months after flowering

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