PLANT FACT SHEET

Banksia heliantha A.R.Mast & K.R.Thiele

GENUS *Banksia* **FAMILY** Proteaceae

COMMON NAMES Pingurl, Oak-leaf Dryandra

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: flower - nectar

DESCRIPTION

A medium to large shrub. It grows 2-4 m high and spreads 1-3.5 m wide. The leaves are wavy and have sharp lobes. They are 5-9 cm long by 4-6 cm wide. The flower heads are large and greenish-yellow. They can be pink. They are 7 cm wide and 6-7 cm long. The fruit is smooth and brown. they are fan shaped capsules. These are 2 cm long by 12 mm wide. They are hidden by the old flowers. The seeds are dull black with papery wings.

HABITAT

It grows in temperate and semiarid regions. It needs well drained soil. It can grow in full sun or light shade. It can stand light frosts. It does best in neutral to acid soils. It suits hardiness zones 9-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are over 50 Dryandra species.

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