PLANT FACT SHEET

Banksia robur Cav.

GENUS *Banksia* **FAMILY** Proteaceae

COMMON NAMES Swamp banksia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flower nectar - drink

DESCRIPTION

A spreading shrub. It grows 1-2 m tall. The leave are alternate and narrowly oval. They can be 40 cm long. There are teeth along the edge. They are velvety white underneath. The flowers are in large spikes up to 17 cm long and 5-6 cm wide. They are a metallic green with pinkish styles in the bud stage. They become golden brown. The fruit is a follicle with 100 fruit.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in sandy soils in coastal areas often in areas that are seasonally flooded.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

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