PLANT FACT SHEET

Banksia spinulosa Smith

GENUS *Banksia* **FAMILY** Proteaceae

COMMON NAMES Hairpin Banksia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: flower - nectar, Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A medium spreading shrub. It grows 1-4 m tall. It can spread 1-4 m across. The leaves are narrow and the edges of the leaves are rolled under. The edges have small teeth. The leaves are green above and paler underneath. They are 2-10 cm long by 0.2-0.7 cm wide. The flowers are golden yellow. They are in flower heads up to 18 cm long. The fruit are follicles and the seed are retained after maturity.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate to subtropical plant. It grows in coastal areas. It does best in acid soils. It cannot tolerate high pH. It needs well drained soils. It needs full sun. It can stand heavy frosts. Hobart Botanical Gardens. It suits hardiness zones 9-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 75 Banksia species. They are mostly in Australia.

PICTURES



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