PLANT FACT SHEET

Banksia nivea Labill.

GENUS *Banksia* **FAMILY** Proteaceae

COMMON NAMES Couch honeypot

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: flower - nectar

DESCRIPTION

A small spreading shrub. It grows 15-85 cm high and spreads 0.4-2 m wide. The leaves are long and wavy and feather-like. They are 15-40 cm long by 0.5-0.8 cm wide. They have sharp tips and can be divided down to the midrib. They are white underneath. The flower heads are 2.5 cm long by 4 cm wide. The flowers heads have several colours. They are bronze, pink and green. They are cup like.

HABITAT

It grows in temperate places. It suits semiarid regions. It needs well drained soil. It can grow in dry soil and in full sun or light shade. It can stand light frosts.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are over 50 Dryandra species.

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