PLANT FACT SHEET

Banksia oblongifolia Cav.

GENUS *Banksia* **FAMILY** Proteaceae

COMMON NAMES Fern-leaved Banksia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: flower - nectar

The nectar is sucked from the flower or used to make a sweet water drink.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It grows 0.6-3 m high. It spreads 1.5-3 m wide. The leaves are stiff and dark. They are oblong and with small teeth along the edge. The new growth is rust coloured and woolly. The flowers are pale yellow. The buds are blue-grey.

HABITAT

It will grow from tropical to temperate regions. It needs moist well drained soil. It can only stand light frosts. It suits hardiness zones 9-11. Coffs Harbour Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed or cuttings.

NOTES

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

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