



PLANT FACT SHEET

Banksia sessilis (Knight) A.R.Mast & K.R.Thiele

GENUS *Banksia* FAMILY Proteaceae

COMMON NAMES Holly-leaf Dryandra, Parrot Bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, flower - nectar

The nectar of the flowers was sucked.

The flowers are also soaked in water to make a sweet drink.

The flowers also produce a characteristic honey.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It can grow 2-5 m high. It spreads 1.5-4 m wide. It grows in dense prickly thickets. The leaves are greyish-green. They are 5 cm long by 3 cm wide. They have prickly teeth and are mostly fan shaped or wedge shaped. They are usually held in clumps. The flowers are cream or yellow. They are in dome shaped heads. These can be 3.5 cm across. They nestle within the leaves.

HABITAT

It is common in Western Australia. It grows on limestone derived soils. It is near the coast. It needs well drained soils and can stand light frost. 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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