

**plant type**

- native trees and shrubs

**water      hardiness**



# Banksia marginata

## silver Banksia, large banksia

Depending on its habitat, this species can vary in form from a dense shrub 1.8m tall and spreading 4m, to a tree growing to 12m in height. Cream-yellow flower spikes to 9cm long appear in spring summer and autumn.



**top ten**

bird attracting  
coastal gardens  
fire retardant  
shady gardens

<b>origin</b>	NSW, ACT, Vic, Tas, SA.
<b>cultural notes</b>	A hardy plant that requires well drained soils. Prefers full sun but will tolerate some shade. Some forms will regenerate from a lignotuber after fire, others rely on seed.
<b>maintenance</b>	Can be lightly pruned to maintain shape.
<b>tolerates</b>	Frost, drought and salt tolerant.
<b>flowering season</b>	Spring Summer and Autumn.
<b>flower colour</b>	Cream-yellow flower spikes up to 9cm long.
<b>foliage colour</b>	Upper surface dark green with silvery white undersides. Leaf margins and tips often have small serrations.
<b>width</b>	up to 4m
<b>height</b>	up to 12m
<b>plant spacing</b>	150cm apart
<b>recommended uses</b>	Useful garden plant particularly in coastal situations. Good as an informal hedge, screen or windbreak.

**project type**

urban and commercial  
residential  
horticultural production

**soil type and drainage**

light - sandy soils  
medium - loamy soils  
good drainage

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