

# Silver Banksia

## Banksia marginata



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### Description

Typical height:

3-5 metres

Typical width:

3-5 metres

Growth rate:

Moderate to slow

Typical form:

Variable. Rounded, dense

### Origin

South-eastern  
Australia

### Characteristics

Small tree. Linear leaves with recurved (rolled under) margins. The leaf margins and tip may have small serrations. Upper surface of the leaves is dull green and the under surface is silvery. Pale to bright yellow flowers

### Tolerances

High aerosol salt tolerant. Wind tolerant. Moderate to high drought tolerance. Few pest and disease problems.

**Suitable for use under powerlines:**  
Suitable

### Facts and Trivia

Source of nectar to a wide variety of native mammals, birds, bats and insects during autumn months.

Develops proteoid or cluster roots that help it extract phosphorus from nutrient poor soils.

Popular as bonsai.

Once grew as a large tree on the basalt plains west of Melbourne but has almost disappeared.