

SPECIES Banksia integrifolia
COMMON NAME Coast Banksia

ORIGIN East coast of Australia

DESIGN USE Seaside planting or where narrow planting is required



HEIGHT

25m

SPREAD

6-8m

HABIT

An evergreen low-maintenance tree.

FORM

A spreading shrub or tree with upright branches that tend to originate near the base.

FLOWERS

Flowers are made up of several hundred flowers densely packed in a spiral around a woody axis and are usually pale yellow to yellow, but may be greenish or pinkish in bud.

FRUIT

The seed heads are dark brown, and holds on the tree for many years (quite ornamental).

VARIATIONS

"Integrifolia" varies little except in northern New South Wales and southern Queensland, where some populations appear to be intermediate with B. integrifolia subsp. compar.

"Compar" are distinguishable by their leaves, which are larger and glossy with wavy margins.

"Monticola" but differs in having longer, narrower leaves, and follicles that are more deeply embedded in the old flower spike.

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Salt-spray and wind tolerant

HORTICULTURE

It grows near coastal cliffs and headlands, alongside river estuaries, and even on stabilised sand dunes. It prefers a sunny aspect without exposure to frosts, and tolerates fairly heavy pruning.

REFERENCES

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