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SPECIES	Banksia marginata
COMMON NAME	Silver Banksia
ORIGIN	New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia
DESIGN USE	Coastal areas and streetscapes



HEIGHT

Small shrub: less than 1m
Medium shrub: 4m
Trees: 8m

SPREAD

Varies from 0.5 to 5m

HABIT

It is typically a medium shrub but also occurs as a scrambling, prostrate plant and as a small to medium-sized tree.

FORM

There's a dwarf variety, rounded bushy form and becomes straggly as a tree. It has finely-toothed long foliage with a dark green upper surface and a silvery reverse.

FLOWERS

Cylindrical spikes and pale yellow in colour.

FLOWERING PERIOD

Early Spring through Autumn

FRUIT

The seeds are enclosed in follicles attached to a woody cone and are generally retained within the cone until burnt.

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

All varieties are adaptable and frost hardy. Moisture may vary from damp through well drained to dry. The plant is tolerant of salt and lime, preferring acid to neutral soil.

HORTICULTURE

The species is not demanding in regard to soil types but waterlogged ground should be avoided. The plant favours a position in full sun or dappled shade. This quick growing plant is also a potential windbreak and fire retarder and benefits from pruning.

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