



Banksia marginata

Silver Banksia



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Adult female
Fiery Jewel from
Yorke Peninsula,
males resemble
the appearance
of females.

Adult male
Fiery Jewel
from
Upper
Southeast.

Form: Medium tree **Height:** 1 – 10 m **Spread:** 5 m **Flowers:** Yellow **Type:** Cylindrical spike **Flowering time:** Spring, Autumn

Ecological functions:  **Soils:** sand, clay or loam; acidic, alkaline or neutral **Germination rate:** 4 to 24 weeks

Seed collecting: collect mature cones with obvious un-open valves. Place in very warm to hot area to allow the valves to open. Then shake the cones to dislodge seeds.

Seed treatment: none. Seeds are non-dormant, viable seed should germinate readily without pre-treatment.

Sowing requirements: cover with 2 mm of damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in late-Winter to early Spring. Sow in full sun, not under shade cloth.

Position: full sun, part shade.

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: suitable for coastal locations. Indigenous peoples used flower spikes to make a sweet drink and dried cones to make implements. Food host to Fiery Jewel (*Hypochrysops ignitus*) caterpillars.

Notes: excessive light pruning can cause heavy leaf growth and less flowers. Pruning too hard into old wood can cause permanent damage to the tree.