

Swan Reserve

Banksia Bed & Other Proteaceae Species



This garden bed contains specimens of the Australian Proteaceae plant family.

The Proteaceae plant family is ancient and has no close relationship to other present day families. They are thought to have originated from the Gondwana supercontinent where all the southern continents were joined about 125 million years ago. After Gondwana broke up to form the present day continents of Australia, Africa, India, Antarctica and South America, the plants evolved separately to form the plants that we know today. An example of this are the banksias, hakeas and grevilleas from Australia and the proteas and leucodendrons from South Africa. Australia has over 1100 species of Proteaceae over 46 genera. This garden bed was established to display some of these plants.

The banksia name honours Sir Joseph Banks, botanist on James Cook's ship, the Endeavour and were first collected by him at Botany Bay during Cook's first expedition in 1770. Banksias occur only in Australia (75 species) and New Guinea (1 species).



Banksia spinulosa
Hairpin Banksia



Banksia menziesii
Menzies Banksia



Banksia tricuspis
Lesuer Banksia



Banksia media
Southern Plains Banksia



Banksia speciosa
Showy Banksia



Banksia praemorsa red
Cut-leaf Banksia



Banksia serrata
Saw Banksia



Banksia baueri
Possum Banksia



Banksia aculeata
Prickly Banksia



Hakea clavata
Coastal Hakea



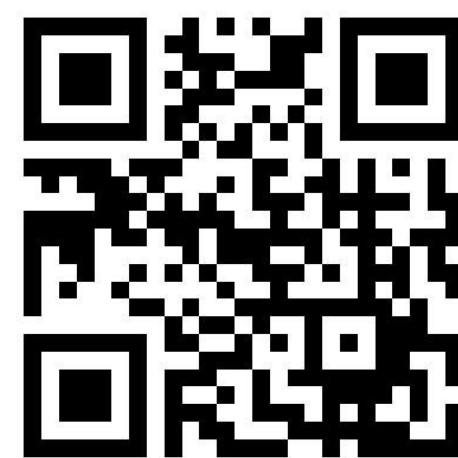
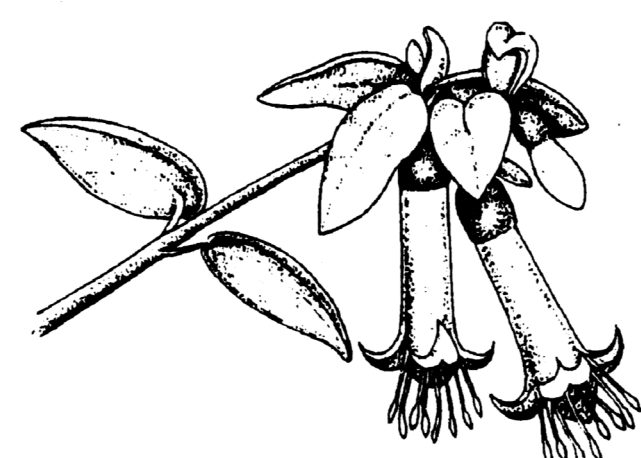
Banksia praemorsa yellow
Cut-leaf Banksia



Hakea multilineata
Grass-leaf Hakea

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Banksia blechnifolia
Groundcover Banksia



Dryandra formosa
Showy Dryandra



Hakea laurina
Pin Cushion Hakea



Grevillea flexuosa
Zig Zag Grevillea



Grevillea magnifica
Magnificent Grevillea