**Burdett’s Banksia**  
*Banksia burdettii*

**Description**  
This medium shrub grows to a height of 4 m and a width of 2 m. It flowers in summer and autumn, providing nectar-loving birds with a source of food during the hot summer months.

**Flowers**  
The two-toned orange and cream, cone-shaped flower spikes are spectacular against the blue summer sky. They are up to 120 mm in length and 100 mm in diameter and are ideal as a cut flower.

**Growing conditions**  
This Banksia is a proven performer in all soil types providing there is good drainage. It is best planted in autumn in a sunny position.

**Watering**  
Once established, this plant is very hardy and in some situations needs no supplementary summer watering.

**Pruning**  
Banksias in general respond well to pruning. Formative pruning at an early age is advised to create a dense multi-branched shrub. After flowering it is advisable to remove spent flower spikes in order to stimulate the next season’s floral display. Cutting the flowers for vase use is also a good way to prune, followed by a light overall pruning when flowering is finished.

**Fertiliser**  
Apply slow release native blend 8–9 month fertiliser at planting and annually as required in spring.

**Pests and diseases**  
This plant is vulnerable to borers within the major stems and small growing tips. Burdett’s Banksia is also susceptible to dieback (the soil-borne fungus, *Phytophthora cinnamomi*) and occasionally to mealybugs.

**Miscellaneous**  
This shrub is very shallow-rooted and care must be taken to protect the roots from any interference. Plants can last in the garden for 5 to 10 years. After this period, or when the plant begins to lose vigour and produce few flowers, removal and replacement is recommended.

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**Further Information**

*Gardening Advisory Service*, a free service provided by Kings Park Volunteer Master Gardeners.  
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