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**Botanical Name:** Banksia occidentalis  
**Common Names:** Red Swamp Banksia, Waterbush,  
**Native:** Yes  
**Foliage Type:** Evergreen  
**Plant Type:** Hedging / Screening, Shrubs, Trees  
**Plant Habit:** Shrub Like, Spreading

### Description:

An erect bushy shrub or small tree growing to around 5m but can get bigger in the wild. It can thrive in poorly drained sites that get seasonally waterlogged. With shiny bright green narrow leaves that have a white underside and grey-brown bark is smooth with bright red cylindrical flower spikes that occur in summer through into winter and can spot flower other times of the year.

**Mature Height:** 2-4m      **Position:** Full Sun  
**Mature Width:** 2-4m      **Soil Type:** Any

**Landscape Use(s):** Bird Attracting, Coastal Garden, Cut Flower, Foliage Feature / Colour, Hedging / Screening, Low Water Garden, Wind Break

### Pest & Diseases:

Generally trouble free

### Cultural Notes:

Prune to shape as required.

### Plant Care:

Keep moist during dry periods, Low phosphorus slow release fertiliser, Mulch well

**Family Name:** Proteaceae

**Origin:** Australia

### Characteristics:

**Foliage Colours:** Grey

**Flower Colours:** Red

**Flower Fragrant:** No

**Flowering Season:** Summer

**Fruit:** Yes

### Requirements:

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Maintenance Level:** Low

**Water Usage:** Medium / Moderate

### Tolerances:

**Drought:** Medium / Moderate

**Frost:** High

**Wind:** High

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