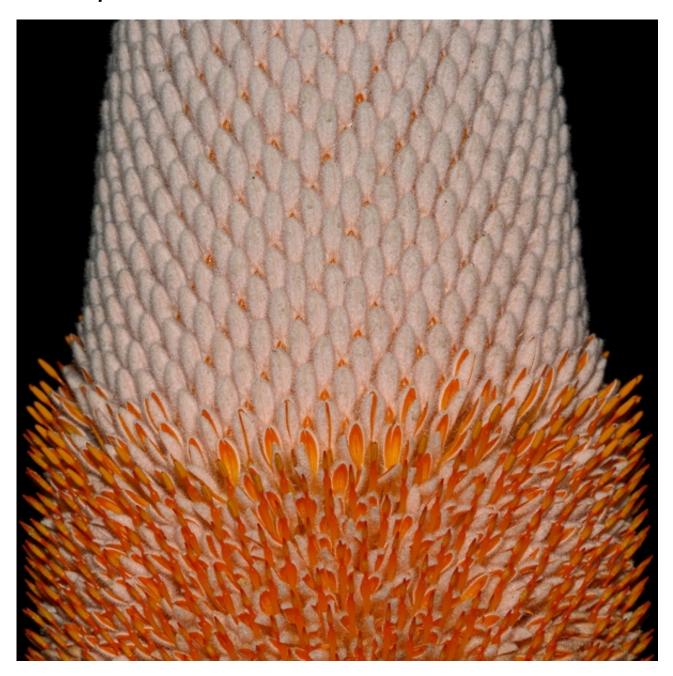


Plant of the Month — March 2015

Banksia prionotes Lindl.



Banksia prionotes (Acorn Banksia) is a fire-sensitive shrub or small tree to 10 m high that flowers from February through to August. Its spectacular, acorn-like inflorescences, which change from cream to bright orange as the flowers open, are a magnet for honeyeaters and a focus for the ecotourism and floriculture industries.

Banksia prionotes is widely distributed in the south-west of Western Australia, where it grows on deep, nutrient-poor sands. It is one of several Banksia species being actively studied to help determine whether distribution ranges are contracting with climate change.

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