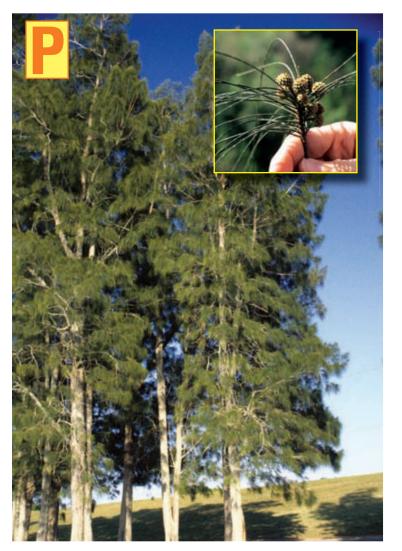
## Casuarina equisetifolia

Australian pine



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**Appearance:** Evergreen tree to 46 m (150 ft) tall, single-trunked; reddish brown to gray bark, rough, brittle, peeling.

**Leaves:** Tiny scales, whorled around long, grayish-green branchlets (resemble pine needles), scales 1-3 mm (0.11 in) long, 6-8 per whorl.

**Flowers:** Unisexual, inconspicuous, female contained in cylindrical to almost round cone-like clusters, to 2 cm (<1 in) long; male in small terminal spikes, 1.3 cm (0.5 in) wide.

Fruit: Tiny, 1-seeded, winged nutlet contained in the cone.

## **Ecological threat:**

Invasive exotics that are altering native plant communities by displacing native species, changing community structures or ecological functions, or hybridizing with natives. FLEPPC Category I

\*Additional Casuarina species are listed on FLEPPC's Category II list of invasive exotics: C. glauca and C. cunninghamiana.



Distribution: NW, NE, C, SW, SE

**Field Notations** 

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