

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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