

Araucaria angustifolia

COMMON NAMES

Paraná pine

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Gymnosperms

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Large coniferous tree, dioecious. Leaves with sharp acuminate tips. Spontaneous seedlings appear if male and female trees are grown together

GENUS

Araucaria

FAMILY

Araucariaceae

AUTHORITY

Araucaria angustifolia (Bertol.) Kuntze

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

ca. 2023

ORIGIN

Brazil

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental, and perhaps timber

CONTROL TECHNIQUES

If seedlings are not wanted, then plant only one gender or selectively remove trees once their gender is known from cones.

ETYMOLOGY

araucaria: Named after the Araucanian indigenous people of Patagonia.

angustifolia: From the Latin *angustus* 'narrow, constricted' and *folius* 'leaf', meaning narrow-leaved

MORE INFORMATION

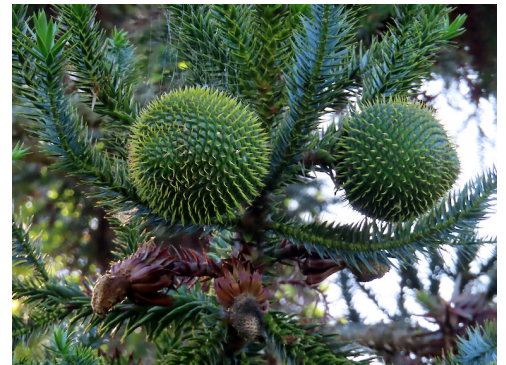
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