

Casuarina glauca

COMMON NAMES

swamp oak

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

SIMILAR TAXA

Plants resemble pine - from a distance may be confused with young kahikatea. Has slender often weeping branches. New growth often orange/brown. Many small cone-like seed pods occur directly on branches (DoC 1998)

GENUS

Casuarina

FAMILY

Casuarinaceae

AUTHORITY

Casuarina glauca Spreng.

YEAR NATURALISED

1946

ORIGIN

Australia

ETYMOLOGY

casuarina: Derived from the Malay word for the cassowary, kasuari, which alludes to the similarities between the bird's dropping feathers and the plant's foliage, though the tree is called rhu in current standard Malay.

glauca: Bloom has thin powder

ENVIRONMENTAL WEED (2024)

This plant is named in a list of 386 environmental weeds in New Zealand 2024 prepared by DOC. 759 candidate species were considered for inclusion on this new comprehensive list of environmental weeds in New Zealand. The species considered were drawn from published lists of weed species, lists of plants that must be reported or managed by law if observed, existing national and regional programmes and agreements for pest management, and species already managed by the Department of Conservation (DOC). Candidate species were then assessed to see if they were fully naturalised and whether they have more than minor impacts in natural ecosystems. Read the full report [here](#).

NVS CODE

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/casuarina-glauca/>



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