# Casuarina glauca

### **COMMON NAME**

swamp oak

#### **FAMILY**

Casuarinaceae

#### **AUTHORITY**

Casuarina glauca Spreng.

## **FLORA CATEGORY**

Vascular - Exotic

#### STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

#### **CONSERVATION STATUS**

Not applicable

## **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)

## **FLOWER COLOURS**

Red/Pink

### 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

## **MORE INFORMATION**

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





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