

# Pinus banksiana

## COMMON NAME

jack pine, grey pine, scrub pine

## FAMILY

Pinaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Pinus banksiana* Lamb.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Gymnosperms

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Terrestrial.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Small widespreading, open tree to 10 m high. **Branches** very irregular, often curved. **Leaves** two per fascicle, 1–5 cm × 1.5–2 mm, curved or twisted, lying at different angles to the shoot, deep green, rigid and pungent. **Male cones** 1 cm long broadly cylindrical. **Female cones** 2.5–5.5 × 1.7–2.5 cm, persistent for many years and usually remaining closed, usually curved towards the narrow apex, pale or yellowish-brown. **Seed wing** broadly asymmetric, 0.5–1 cm long.

## SIMILAR TAXA

*Pinus banksiana* is easily recognised by the smooth, elongated tapering, curved cones which remain on the tree until they sometimes cover the twisted branches down to the trunk.

## FLOWER COLOURS

No flowers

## LIFE CYCLE

Perennial

## YEAR NATURALISED

1957

## ORIGIN

Northern N. America

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Forestry

## ETYMOLOGY

**banksiana**: Named after Sir Joseph Banks, 1st Baronet, GCB, PRS (24 February 1743 – 19 June 1820) was an English naturalist, botanist and patron of the natural sciences.

## CONIFER IDENTIFICATION

The National Wilding Conifer Control Programme team at Biosecurity New Zealand, a branch of Ministry for Primary Industries, has produced this wilding conifer [quick ID guide](#).

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/pinus-banksiana/>

