

Pinus halepensis

COMMON NAME

Aleppo pine, Jerusalem pine

FAMILY

Pinaceae

AUTHORITY

Pinus halepensis Mill.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Gymnosperms

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Evergreen tree to 20 metres in height, often becoming asymmetrical. The single trunk divides into several main branches above to form an open, round-topped crown. **Bark** is scaly, dark grey on the outside and red-brown inside. **Needles** bright green, 6–10 cm long, often curved or twisted and held together in pairs by a basal sheath about 1 cm long. **Buds** are covered by scales with fringed edges. **Cones** 5–11 × 2.5–4 cm wide, reddish-brown in colour; they grow singly or in dense groups, hanging downwards on short stalks that bend backwards along the branch.

SIMILAR TAXA

Long needles in pairs. Cones hang down on a prominent thick stalk, and are arranged singly or in pairs.

FLOWER COLOURS

No flowers

LIFE CYCLE

Perennial. Seed is dispersed by wind.

YEAR NATURALISED

1925

ORIGIN

E. Mediterranean

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

MORE INFORMATION

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



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