

Pinus sylvestris

COMMON NAME

Scots pine

FAMILY

Pinaceae

AUTHORITY

Pinus sylvestris L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Gymnosperms

NVS CODE

PINSYL

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

FEATURES

Medium sized tree reaching about 35 m. Needles are stout 2.5-7 cm by 1-1.5 mm, in bunches of 2, grey-green to blue-green in colour, and twisted. New shoots are light yellow to light brown. Mature female cones are pendent 3-6 by 1.5-3 cm, light brownish grey.

SIMILAR TAXA

Short needles held in pairs, foliage has silvery appearance. Small cones without spikes, shed annually. Similar to *P. mugo* and *P. uncinata* but in *P. sylvestris* the cones are held on short stalks.

FLOWER COLOURS

No flowers

YEAR NATURALISED

1919

ORIGIN

Europe, W. and N. Asia

Reason For Introduction

Forestry

Life Cycle Comments

Perennial

Dispersal

wind

MORE INFORMATION

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



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