

Pinus sylvestris

COMMON NAME

Scots pine

FAMILY

Pinaceae

AUTHORITY

Pinus sylvestris L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Gymnosperms

NVS CODE

PINSYL

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Medium sized tree reaching about 35 m. **Needles** are stout 2.5–7 cm × 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 × 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

LIFE CYCLE

Perennial; seed is wind dispersed.

YEAR NATURALISED

1919

ORIGIN

Europe, W. and N. Asia

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Forestry

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-sylvestris/>



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