

# 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.

## 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

## LIFE CYCLE

Perennial; seed is wind dispersed.

## YEAR NATURALISED

1919

## ORIGIN

Europe, W. and N. Asia

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Forestry

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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