

# Pinus taeda

## COMMON NAME

loblolly pine

## FAMILY

Pinaceae

## AUTHORITY

Pinus taeda L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Gymnosperms

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Terrestrial.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Medium sized tree to 30 m. **Needles** smooth green in bunches of three, each 15–25 cm long, slender, flexible, occasionally twisted. **Female cones** are elongated ovoid in shape, 7–10 cm long and recurved spines are present on each of the lower scales.

## SIMILAR TAXA

Long needles in clusters of three. Cones are symmetric, lower scales have a recurved spine. Cones do not persist on the tree. Similar to *P. ponderosa* but in *P. taeda* the cones are shed entire. Very similar to *P. elliottii* but cones of *P. taeda* lack a stalk.

## FLOWER COLOURS

No flowers

## YEAR NATURALISED

1957

## ORIGIN

S.E. U.S.A.

## Reason For Introduction

Forestry

## Reproduction

seed

## Dispersal

wind

## MORE INFORMATION

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

