PLANT FACT SHEET

Dacrydium cupressinum Sol. ex Lamb.

GENUS *Dacrydium* **FAMILY** Podocarpaceae

COMMON NAMES Rimu, New Zealand Red Pine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves - drink

A drink like spruce beer is made from the young shoots and the resin.
The fleshy cup of the nut is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. In cultivation it is about 9 m high. It can grow 27-60 m high. It turns reddish brown in winter. Adult trees have shorter, fleshier needles than juvenile ones. Trees are separately male and female. Male cones are small. Female trees bear small bluish seeds. Each seed is sunk in a bright red fleshy cup.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. They need cool climates without severe frosts. They need adequate rainfall and humidity. Melbourne Botanical gardens. It suits hardiness zones 9-10. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

They can be grown from seed or cuttings. Seedlings can be transplanted.

Harvesting and Seed Production

They are slow growing. Trees reach maturity in 300 years and can live 800-900 years.

NOTES

There were 15-30 Dacrydium species but some have now been reclassified.
It is rich in Vitamin D.

PICTURES



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