PLANT FACT SHEET

Casuarina glauca Sieber. ex Spreng.

GENUS *Casuarina* **FAMILY** Casuarinaceae

COMMON NAMES Swamp sheoak, Grey Buloke

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves-thirst, Gum, Seeds

The gum is edible.
The small seeds are edible.
Moisture can be collected from the roots.

DESCRIPTION

A small sturdy tree. It grows 2-10 m tall and spreads 2-10 m wide. It often has root suckers. The small branches are 10-35 cm long. They are 0.9-1.5 mm wide. They have 12-17 ridges along them. There are tooth like leaves at the nodes. The leaves are 0.5-0.9 mm long. The leaves are grey-green. The flowers are reddish-brown. The cones are small. They are 9-18 mm long and 8-13 mm wide.

HABITAT

It grows in temperate and subtropical regions. It needs well drained soils but likes wet soil. It can grow in full sun and in coastal areas. It can stand heavy frosts. It suits hardiness zones 9-12. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or root cuttings. Even male plants can spread by suckers.

NOTES

There are about 17 Casuarina species. It can become invasive.

PICTURES



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