PLANT FACT SHEET

Dacrycarpus dacrydioides (A.Rich.) de Laub.

GENUS *Dacrycarpus* **FAMILY** Podocarpaceae

COMMON NAMES New Zealand white pine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Gum

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It can grow to 45 m high. The trunk can be 1.5 m through. It can spread 6-8 m wide. It is upright with a cone shaped crown. The bark is grey and scales off in flakes. Old trees can have buttresses. The leaves are cypress like. They have a bronze colour when mature. Trees are separately male and female. The cones have black nut-like seeds. The cones swell into a fleshy berry.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. They can grow in wet and swampy conditions. It will also grow in drier sites. In New Zealand it grows up to 600 m altitude. Melbourne Botanical Gardens. It suits hardiness zones 9-11. Arboretum Tasmania. Hobart Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

They can be grown from seed or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing.

NOTES

There are 7-9 Dacrycarpus species. They are in Asia and the Pacific.

PICTURES



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