PLANT FACT SHEET

Pinus parviflora Siebold & Zucc.

GENUS *Pinus* **FAMILY** Pinaceae

COMMON NAMES Japanese white pine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 9-22 m tall and spreads 6-7.5 m wide. The trunk can be 1 m across. The crown is cone shaped but develops a flat top when mature. The bark is purple-brown and smooth. The branches often occur in layers. The leaves are needle-like and occur in groups of five. They are soft and bluish. They are slightly curved and have a blue-white stripe on the underside. The female flowers are pink or purple at the ends of the shoots. The male flowers are yellow or brown. They are clustered around the shoot. The cones are blue-green and oval. They are 4-7.5 cm long by 3.5-4.5 cm wide. The seeds are nearly brown and mottled with black. They are 8-10 mm long by 7 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It grows naturally on stony soils in mountains in Japan. It is frost hardy. It suits hardiness zones 4-9. Sunshine Victoria.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing.

NOTES

There are over 100 species of Pinus. It is used for bonsai.

PICTURES



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