PLANT FACT SHEET

Casuarina stricta Aiton

GENUS *Casuarina* **FAMILY** Casuarinaceae

COMMON NAMES Drooping sheoak, Mountain oak

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A small spreading tree. It grows 4-11 m high and spreads 3-6 m wide. The trunk is tall and erect. The branches droop. The small branches are dark green and have prominent ridges. There are 9-12 leaf teeth. These are sharply pointed. The male flowers are in spikes. These are at the ends of side branches. They are 8-12 cm long. The cones are 2-4.5 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. They have sharply pointed valves.

HABITAT

It grows near the coast and can tolerate salty winds and salty soils. Plants are not affected by frost. The variety spectabilis occurs in northern Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 17 Casuarina species.

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