PLANT FACT SHEET

Pinus coulteri D. Don

GENUS *Pinus* **FAMILY** Pinaceae

COMMON NAMES Coulter pine, Big-cone Pine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts

The seeds are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 25 m tall. The bark is purple-brown and scaly. The leaves are needle like and stiff. They are 30 cm long and in clusters of three. They are grey-green on stout shoots. The cones are very large. They can be 30 cm long by 15 cm wide. The seeds are large and edible.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean plant. It grows naturally in California in the United States. It grows on dry rocky slopes in the mountains. It can grow in a range of soils and tolerates wind and drought. Hobart Domain near swimming pool. Melbourne Botanical Gardens. It suits hardiness zones 8-10. Arboretum Tasmania. Hobart Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees can take 12 years to start producing cones. A cone can weigh 2 kg. It can have 200 seeds. Cones can take 2 years to ripen.

NOTES

There are over 100 species of Pinus.

PICTURES



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