PLANT FACT SHEET

Araucaria heterophylla (Salisb.) Franco

GENUS *Araucaria* **FAMILY** Araucariaceae

COMMON NAMES Norfolk Island Pine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

An upright tree. It has a regular branching pattern. It grows to 30-70 m high and spreads 6-20 m across. The trunk can be 2 m wide. The bark peels in thin flakes. The branches are in rings of 4-7. The leaves are sickle shaped. They are 8-15 mm long by 1-2 mm wide. They are shorter on fertile branches. The leaves are crowded. They have an in-curved sharp point. The cones are 10 cm long and 12 cm wide.

HABITAT

It grows in coastal and subtropical regions. It is salt tolerant. It is wind tolerant. It can grow in deep sand. It suits hardiness zones 10-11. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. They can also be grown from cuttings.

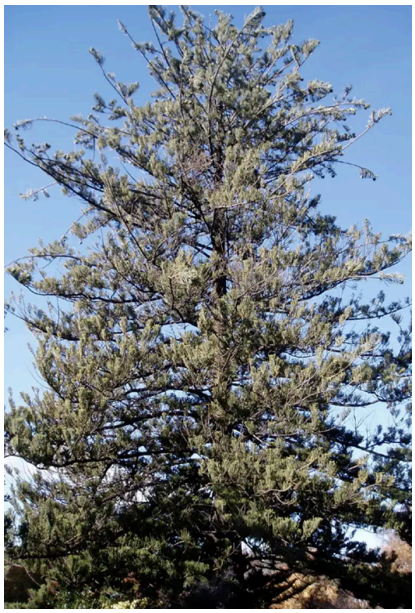
Harvesting and Seed Production

The tree produces cones in significant numbers only every 3-5 years. It takes about 18 months for cones to mature.

NOTES

There are 19 Araucaria species. There are 13 species in New Caledonia.

PICTURES



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