PLANT FACT SHEET

Pinus aristata Engelm.

GENUS *Pinus* **FAMILY** Pinaceae

COMMON NAMES Bristle-cone pine, Colorado bristlecone pine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A small soft pine. The bark is green and smooth but becomes reddish brown and cracked with age. The needles are in bundles of 5. They are 2-4 cm long. They remain on the tree for up to 20 years. They are curved and dark green. They are tufted towards the tip of the shoot. The seed cones are oval and 4-8 cm long. They are blunt tipped, greyish-brown and without stalks. The scales have a long slender prickle.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It can grow on poor soils. It cannot tolerate shade. It suits hardiness zones 4-7. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing. It lives for a long time. Trees can live for 5000 years.

NOTES

There are over 100 species of Pinus.

PICTURES



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