PLANT FACT SHEET

Allocasuarina littoralis (Salisb.) L. A. S. Johnson

GENUS *Allocasuarina* **FAMILY** Casuarinaceae

COMMON NAMES Black she-oak

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Cones, Gum

The gum exudate is chewed and also the jelly made by melting the gum in hot water.
The cones are boiled to removed tannins and then eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10 m tall. It is often a low wind swept shrub near the coast. The branches are slender and 0.5 mm across. The bark is greyish-black and rough and cracked. There are 6-8 reduced leaves. The fruit are cones 1-3 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical to temperate plant. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds.

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