

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Male cones, mature cones, and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Trees. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Mark Clements, unknown site



Line drawings. JH Maiden (1902-1925) *Forest Flora of NSW*

## Common name

Port Jackson pine, Oyster Bay pine

## Family

Cupressaceae

## Where found

**Forest** and **woodland**. Coast and ranges. Eastern part of the tablelands north of the Great Western Highway.

## Notes

Tree or **shrub** to 12 m high, with **spreading** branches. Bark occasionally becoming rough and fissured on larger trees. Stems rounded triangular, grooved longitudinally, hairless, at first **glaucous**. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, 0.1–0.7 cm long, in **whorls** of 3 or 4, at first glaucous, bluish green or green, scale-like, **keeled** on the back, the bases **appressed** to the branchlets, giving the stem an angular appearance. **Juvenile** leaves more or less free from the branches, in whorls of 3-5, needle-like. Male and female **cones** on the same tree. Male cones at the ends of the branches, about 3 mm long, single or clustered. Female cones usually clustered on short fruiting branches, remaining long after maturity. Mature female cones woody, globular to depressed-globular, 10-25 mm in diameter when open. **Cone scales** thick, larger alternate scales broader above and abruptly angled into a short wide tip. Alternate scales smaller. Seeds numerous, dark brown; **wings** 2 or 3, about 1 mm wide.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Callitris-rhomboidea> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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