

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Male cones. Photographer Luis Fernández García, Spain



Open cones and seeds. Photographer Asabengurtza, unknown place



Bark. Photographer Zoya Akulova, California



Tree. Photographer Zoya Akulova, California

Common name

Umbrella Pine, Stone Pine, Roman Pine, Italian Stone Pine

Family

Pinaceae

Where found

Grown as an ornamental. **Naturalised**. Tablelands and Western Slopes south of Crookwell. Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Introduced tree to 20 m tall. Bark red-grey, deeply fissured into broad vertical plates. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, 10–15 cm long, glossy, dark green, margins finely toothed. Leaves in bundles of 2 and enclosed within a **sheath** at the base. Male **cones** in clusters. Mature female cones glossy brown, 100–150 mm long, single, stalkless, drooping, oval. Mature female cones made up of many woody **scales**, each thickened at the top, tips rounded with a small point on the back. Seeds pale brown with a **powdery** black coating that rubs off easily, up to 20 mm long, with a rudimentary **wing** (less than 1 mm long). Seeds edible.

Readily recognised by the flat-topped, mushroom-shaped **crown**, and the trunk which diverges near the base.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pinus~pine a> (accessed 1 February, 2021)

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