

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Male cones. Photographer Mark Hyde, Zimbabwe.



Mature cones. Photographer John Sullivan, New Zealand



Seeds. USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database Photographer Steve Hurst.



Trunk. Photographer John Sullivan, New Zealand



Tree. Photographer sederra-veracruz, Mexico

## Common name

Patula Pine, Mexican Weeping Pine

## Family

Pinaceae

## Where found

**Naturalised** near and amongst cultivated trees of *Pinus patula*. Coast and ranges north of Wollongong.

## Notes

**Introduced** tree to 10 m tall. Mature female **cones** with a tiny prickle at the tips of each scale which falls early. Bark on young trees thin, scaly, red-brown, with age becoming thick, dark grey-brown, rough and scaly with large elongated plates and deep longitudinal fissures. Shoots rough and scaly. Leaves aromatic when rubbed, 11–30 cm long, to 1 mm wide, bright green. Leaves in bundles of 3–5 and enclosed within a **sheath** at the base, becoming droopy. Male and female cones on the same plant. Male cones 15–20 mm long, pink-yellow, turning yellow-brown, in clusters. Female cones purple, turning brown to grey when mature, 50–120 mm long, in clusters

of 2–5, lopsided, almost stalkless, pointing down. Mature female cones made up of many woody **scales**, each thickened at the top. Seeds dark grey, obliquely oval, with a single **wing** 12-18 mm long.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/f34dd4eb-45ed-44b7-b3da-22a7ed10d4e3> (accessed 11 March 2021)

Wikipedia description: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pinus\\_patula](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pinus_patula) (accessed 11 March 2021)

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