



Five needles



Needles attached singly



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National Wilding Conifer Control Programme

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View wilding conifer infestations in your region (download a Wilding Conifer Information System app).

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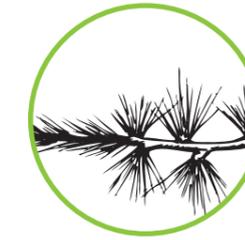
Management and control

Plan and manage the control of pines and other conifers on your place. And work out what to plant instead, and where.

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Needles in clusters



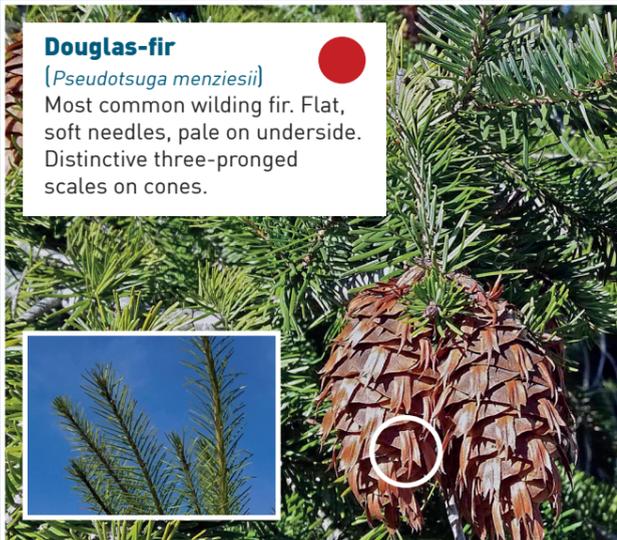
Three needles



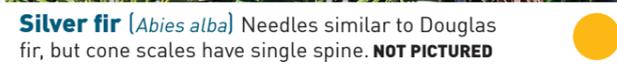
Western white pine (*Pinus monticola*)
Needles generally silvery bluish-green, with a slightly solid feel. Cones like eastern white pine, but larger.



Eastern white (Weymouth) pine (*Pinus strobus*)
Needles bluish to dark green.



Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)
Most common wilding fir. Flat, soft needles, pale on underside. Distinctive three-pronged scales on cones.



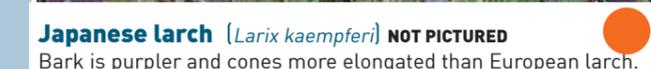
Silver fir (*Abies alba*) Needles similar to Douglas fir, but cone scales have single spine. **NOT PICTURED**



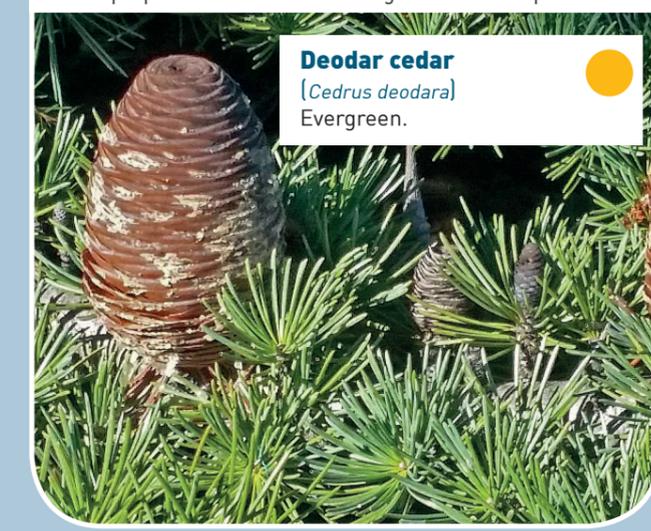
Sitka spruce (*Picea sitchensis*)
Stiff, sharp needles with a woody peg at the base of every needle.



European larch (*Larix decidua*)
The most common larch species. Deciduous.



Japanese larch (*Larix kaempferi*) **NOT PICTURED**
Bark is purpler and cones more elongated than European larch.



Deodar cedar (*Cedrus deodara*)
Evergreen.



Ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*)
Needles stiff, 13-25 cm long (rarely 2, 4, 5 needles). Cones 8-14 cm long, with distinctive spines on scales. Cones shed annually.



Radiata pine (*Pinus radiata*)
Most commonly planted pine tree in New Zealand. Needles dark green, 9-13 cm long. Cones 7-15 cm long. Cones retained on tree. **More invasive in lowlands than in high country.**

Wilding Conifers QUICK ID GUIDE

High Country/Montane species



Two needles (medium-long)

Bishop pine
(*Pinus muricata*)
Needles often have bluish tinge, 7-16 cm long. Cones 4.5-8 cm long, arranged in whorls around branches, with spiky scales. Cones retained on tree.

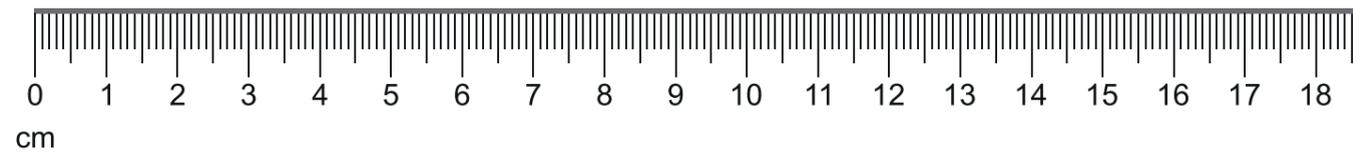


Black (Corsican) pine
(*Pinus nigra*)
Needles grey-green or bluish-green, grooved on opposing sides of the pair, 8-16 cm long (occasionally three needles). Cones 5-8 cm long, scales end in minute prickles. Cones shed annually.



Two needles (short)

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Jack pine
(*Pinus banksiana*)
Needles 2.5-4 cm. Yellowish-green in colour. Cones 2-5 cm, and a distinctive, irregular shape (flat or curved along one side).



Species spreading vigour in High Country/montane

- Low-Moderate
- High
- Extreme

Contorta/Lodgepole pine
(*Pinus contorta*)
Needles dark green to yellow green, 4-7 cm long. Cones 3-6 cm long, their scales end in distinctive, slender prickle. Cones retained on tree.



Dwarf mountain pine
(*Pinus mugo*)
Needles 3-7 cm, stiff (like a scrub brush). Cones 3-5 cm no spines, with scales hooked back - like a bunch of bananas. Distinctively sprawling - growing outwards as much or more than upwards. Cones retained on tree.



Mountain pine
(*Pinus uncinata*)
Needles and cones very similar to dwarf mountain pine. Habit: more upright than dwarf mountain pine. Cones retained on tree.



Scots pine
(*Pinus sylvestris*)
Needles have grey/blue-green tinge (can look silvery), 4-7 cm long. Cones 3-6 cm, on a short stalk. Cones shed annually.

