



Botanical name:

*Casuarina cunninghamiana*

Common name:

River Sheoak

Origin:

Eastern NSW and Qld. Trees are usually found in sunny locations along stream banks and swampy areas.

Typical height:

15-20 metres

Typical width:

8-10 metres

Growth rate:

Moderate to fast

Typical form:

Upright evergreen large tree with ascending branches. Fine foliage, branchlets semi-pendulous.

Characteristics:

Fine dark green cladodes (leaves) and fine branchlets on ascending branches. Species is dioecious with male and female flowers on separate plants. Male flowers reddish brown to pale brown. Female flowers are red followed by woody cones. Bark rough, finely fissured.

Site requirements:

Adaptable to a wide range of climatic conditions and soil types from sandy to heavy clay, though prefers well drained sites. Suitable pH: mildly acid, neutral and basic (mildly alkaline) soils.

Tolerances:

Can tolerate frost tolerant down to around -8 °C. Tolerant to dry and wet soil conditions.



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Notes:

Useful as a windbreak; shade Tree; ornamental; shelter tree, street tree, erosion control. It can fix Nitrogen in the soil.