

Pinus pinaster  [简体中文](#) [正體中文](#)

System: Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Coniferophyta	Pinopsida	Pinales	Pinaceae

Common name maritime pine (English), cluster pine (English)

Synonym *Pinus maritima*
Pinus mesogeneensis

Similar species

Summary *Pinus pinaster*, originally from the Mediterranean Basin, has been planted in temperate regions within and outside its natural range for a wide range of reasons. It regenerates readily almost everywhere it is planted and in many places it invades natural shrubland, forest and grassland. *Pinus pinaster* forms dense thickets which suppress native plants, changes fire regimes and hydrological properties and alters habitats for many animals.



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Species Description

An evergreen coniferous tree, growing 20-35m tall, with 2 needle-shaped leaves per fascicle (leaves usually 15-20cm long and stiff). Cones 10-22cm long.

Reproduction

Pinus pinaster reproduces exclusively from seeds (it does not sprout). The small, winged seeds are held in serotinous cones. Some seeds are released every year, especially during hot spells when cones open partially. Trees have thin bark and a poor re

General Impacts

This species regenerates profusely after fire, often resulting in dense thickets of plants close to killed adult plants. These dense thickets suppress native plants, change fire regimes and hydrological properties and alter habitats for many animals.

Management Info

Physical: Mechanical control is currently the most effective way of dealing with invasive *Pinus pinaster* stands. All plants are felled and allowed to lie for 12-18 months.

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