Drooping She-oak Allocasuarina verticillata



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Origin

Victoria (native to Wyndham), NSW, Tas., SA. Mostly coastal environments.

Characteristics

Pendulous branchlets. Fine foliage. Branchlets dull greyish-green, long and drooping. Male flowers yellow to brown in December to March. Cones large, cylindric to barrel-shaped with valves typically extending well beyond cone body. Bark dark and fissured/furrowed.

Tolerances

High drought and wind.



Description

Typical height: 5-7 metres

Typical width: 3-6 metres

Growth rate: Fast

Typical form: Small erect tree with a dense, rounded crown with long drooping branchlets.

Facts and Trivia

Trees are dioecious meaning each tree is either male or female. Males develop attractive golden spikes in the late summer, while females bear globular reddish flowers which develop into large seed-bearing cones.

Long needle shaped branchlets have appearance of pine needles but the 'leaves' are actually the tiny leaf teeth seen in whorls around the branchlet nodes.

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