



CASOURINA

(*Casurina equisetifolia*)

Other names given to this plant are Whistling Pine and Willow. This is a native of Australia and tropical Asia. It arrived in Jamaica in 1788. Casaurina can grow to a height of over 25 m

The trunk is slender and the long slender branches grow upwards. It can be seen in sandy coastal areas and can grow at altitudes from sea level to 300 m. This fast growing plant does not have leaves but branches which are fine and threadlike. These bear small brownish scales which are arranged in whorls.

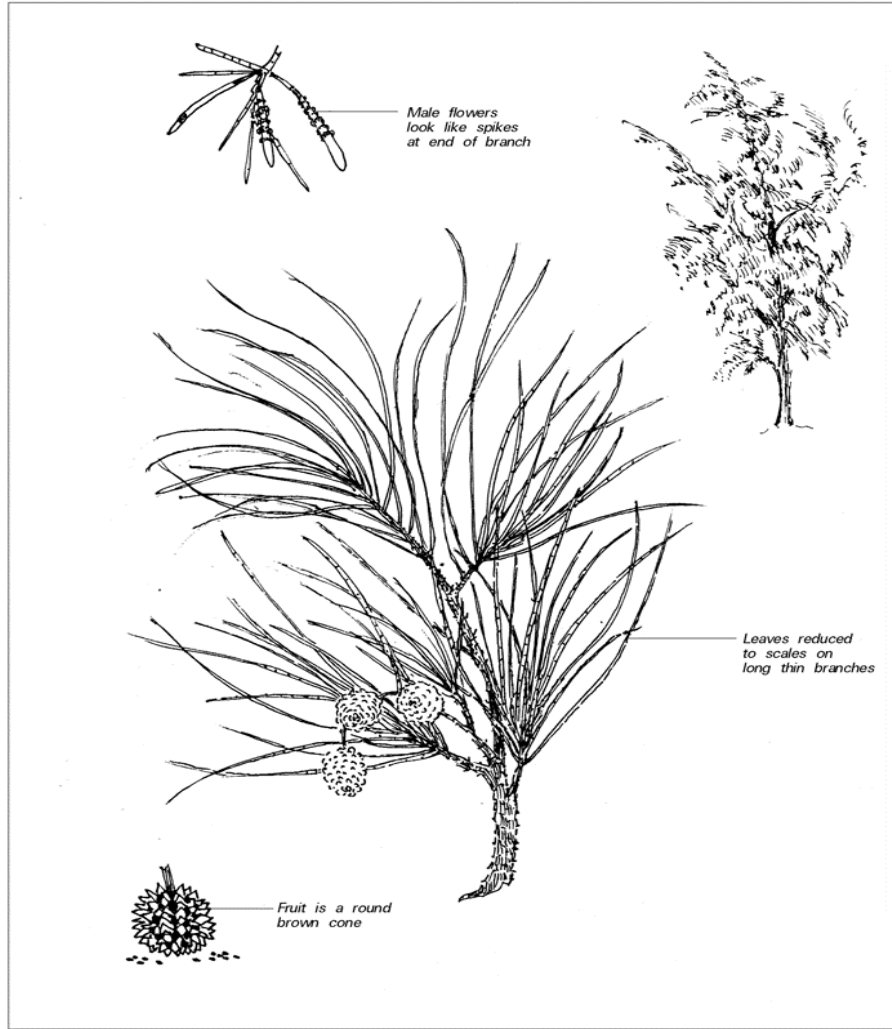
It fruits most of the year and bears male and female flowers separately on the same tree. The male flowers are slender and look like spikes at the tip of the twigs while the female flowers are small, cone like and grow in clusters. The fruit is the round, brown cone that is 1.25-2.5 cm in size.

Casaurina is often planted as hedges and is useful in the binding of sandy soil.



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Family: Malvaceae	Species: <i>Hibiscus elatus</i>	Author: Sw.
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Height: 25m	Habitat: Sea level-300m	Persistence: Evergreen
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