



Coastal Cypress Pine

Callitris columellaris



Family: Cupressaceae

Small evergreen tree to 4 - 12 m



Distribution: Grows on coastal sandy soils, north from Angourie NSW to Qld.

Description: A hardy, columnar tree with dense, billowed, dark green "Cypress-like" foliage. It produces clusters of woody cones that can stay on the tree for many years. The cones have six triangular scales, which open at maturity to release the seeds.

Propagation: Seed does not require stratification, germinating at any time of the year if it becomes moist.

Habitat: Likes well-drained soils. Excellent for screen or wind-break. Useful for protected seaside planting.

Uses: Bird and butterfly attracting. Leaves and twigs for colds and skin irritations. Used in building construction, fencing, telegraph poles. Complete resistance to termite attack and high resistance to fungal decay. Very flammable. Timber lit as torch for night spear fishing. Strong straight timber used for spear-making. Resin used as glue.