

Pinus mugo

COMMON NAME

mountain pine

FAMILY

Pinaceae

AUTHORITY

Pinus mugo Turra

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Gymnosperms

NVS CODE

PINMUG

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Small tree or multi-stemmed shrub. **Foliage** often dense, tending to be directed forward. **Leaves** in fascicles of two, 3–7 cm by 1–1.5 mm, dark green rigid, more or less curved but not twisted. **Male cones** < 1 cm long, broad-cylindric. **Female cones** shortly stalked, erect, not persisting long after maturity, 2.5–5.5 × 2.5–5 cm when open, ovoid or conic-ovoid, dark brown, symmetric. **Seed wing** oblong, c. 1 cm long.

SIMILAR TAXA

Short needles in pairs, small symmetrical cones with no spike. No stalk on the cone (cf. *P. sylvestris*). *Pinus uncinata* is very similar, but has asymmetric cones, with some cone scales strongly elongated downwards.

FLOWER COLOURS

No flowers

LIFE CYCLE

Perennial; wind dispersed.

YEAR NATURALISED

1988

ORIGIN

European mountains from France and Italy E.

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Agricultural

CONIFER IDENTIFICATION

The National Wilding Conifer Control Programme team at Biosecurity New Zealand, a branch of Ministry for Primary Industries, has produced this wilding conifer [quick ID guide](#).

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/pinus-mugo/>

