

Swiss pine

Pinus cembra L., 1753

The Swiss pine is a tree that can grow up to 25 m high. It can be recognised by its needles grouped in 5s, which are quite long (5 to 8 cm), soft, and gentle to the touch.

This tree is also distinguished by its globular, brownish-purple, resin-spotted cones whose scales do not open at maturity to release the seeds.

The Swiss pine is one of the last trees, together with the larch, to brave the difficult conditions of the high-altitude supraforestal zone.



Common names

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Environment

High altitude forests and boundary between the subalpine and alpine stages

Altitude

1000-2550 m

Season

- may-november

Size

100 to 3000 cm

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