

Common Name: Christmas Tree

*Araucaria
Heterophylla*

Order:
Araucariales

Family:
Araucariaceae

Genus:
Araucaria

Species:
Heterophylla



DESCRIPTION

- It is a conifer and is endemic to Norfolk Island, which is situated in the Pacific Ocean between Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia
- The trees grow at a height of 80 feet, with straight vertical trunks and symmetrical branches. The leaves are thick and glossy and are closely arranged to form a tube like appearance, the cones are 10-12 cms long and 12-14 cm in diameter. These cones nuts called as pine nuts which are edible.
- It takes 18 months for the cone to mature
- It grows in almost all types of weather. But it cannot sustain direct harsh sunlight for long