

Whistling Pine

Common name: Whistling Pine, Horse Tail Tree, Cassowary Tree

Botanical name: *Casuarina equisetifolia* ; **Family:** Casuarinaceae; **Name in Tamil:** *Chavukku*



Field identification: A large evergreen tree up to 30 m with drooping feathery branchlets looking like a conifer. Twigs jointed and 6-8 ribbed, bearing tiny scale-like leaves set in whorls around nodes. Fruit woody cone, 2 cm across.

Location on campus: Scudder Auditorium, Men's Hostel, Mary Varghese Campus

Reference: Sahni, K.C. (1998) The Book of Indian Trees. Mumbai: Bombay Natural History Society/ Oxford University Press p.167-168.