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Rimu

(Red pine)

Dacrydium cupressinum



Sparklers

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Characteristics

Rimu is one of our tallest trees, growing up to 50 metres tall and usually living 550–650 years.

Like kahikatea, rimu have been extensively cut down by people for their valuable timbers.

Also called 'red pine', rimu is related to other pine trees but doesn't produce pinecones.

'Rimu' can also mean seaweed, and if you look at the leaves you'll see why they share a name!



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Mature rimu trees often support other plants such as northern rātā to grow on their upper branches.

Do you like to support others, like rimu?



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**What can we learn from
rimu?**

**How might we apply this in
our classroom?**

