

The Aleppo Pine	<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	is-Sigra taz-Żnuber
Common English name	Scientific name	Maltese name

Where is this tree found in the world – (Species Distribution)

The Aleppo pine tree is native to the Mediterranean region.

What is the preferred habitat for this tree?

It grows in relatively arid, dry temperate areas, tolerating heat and drought, found in forest, woodland or roadside and disturbed habitats.

Is it green all year (evergreen), or does it change according to the season (deciduous)?

It is evergreen.

How tall can it grow? (Usual or maximum height)

It may grow very tall and up to a max of 30m.

What are the leaves and flowers like?

Its needle-like leaves (4-12 cm) are arranged in groups of two. This species does not produce actual flowers; but instead, it has separate male and female cones on the same plant.



What are the fruits like?

The Aleppo pine has both male and female cones. The male cones are relatively small, yellowish or brown in colour and short-lived. The female cones are large and either cone-shaped or oval. Over the next few years, these cones may start to open, which causes the seeds inside to be wind-dispersed.

What do humans use this tree for?

It is mainly planted for its fine timber and pine nuts.

Does this tree have legal protection?

It is protected within protected areas, in areas outside the development zone (ODZ), in green places, and natural or rural/green enclaves in urban areas (development zone), or urban public open spaces (according to the ERA 2018 list of trees and woodland protection regulations).