

# Pinus patula

## Jelecote pine, Mexican weeping pine

*Pinus patula* Ait.

Family: Pinaceae

**Description:** Large tree to 95 ft tall. Needles 8 inches long, drooping, usually in clusters of 3, sometimes 4–5, in a sheath 1 inch long, yellowish green when young, maturing to shiny green. Cones 5–8 per cluster, 4.5 inches long, shiny dark brown. Paired seeds at base of cone scale, triangular, mottled gray, 0.2 inches long with a 0.75-inch wing<sup>(32)</sup>. *Patula*, outspread<sup>(5)</sup> for the drooping branches.

**Distribution:** Native to mountains of eastern Mexico. Planted at higher-elevation forests on Maui and Hawai‘i. Also planted as an ornamental<sup>(32)</sup>.

**Environmental impact:** Escaping from forest plantings into surrounding forests<sup>(32)</sup>.

**Management:** Pat Bily (TNC) reported sure but slow control applying triclopyr (50% product in water) to a complete frill around the stem.

