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*Pinus clausa*

[Synonyms : *Pinus clausa* var. *immuginata*, *Pinus inops* var. *clausa*]

**SAND PINE** is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to the United States (especially Florida) it has needle-like leaves and small egg-shaped cones.

It is also known as Alabama pine, *Borovice uzavřená* (Czech), Florida spruce pine, Northern sand pine, Oldfield pine, *Sand-Kiefer* (German), Scrub pine, Southern sand pine, Spruce pine, and Upland spruce pine.

Warning – continued contact with the fresh wood may cause dermatitis and allergic breathing problems.

*Claus*a is derived from Latin *clausi* (closed, shut) with reference to the long-lasting cones.

The small blackish-brown seeds are eaten by birds and small mammals and the tree also provides a habitat for songbirds, birds of prey, woodpeckers and squirrels.

One variety of this tree has been used on a small scale as a Christmas tree – and environmentalists have also cultivated it in areas subject to unstable sand movement.

Primarily the brittle and lightweight, yellow or reddish-orange wood has been felled for pulp, burnt as fuel and more recently used for 'knotty pine panelling'. Occasionally it has been used for masts of small vessels too.