

# 14. Tōtara

*Podocarpus totara*

A non-flowering tree (conifer), common throughout NZ.

## Cones

Cones appear in spring and are green-brown.

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## Leaves

Small, spiky, dark-green leaves that alternate on the stem. Smooth edges.



## Fruit

Small red fruit that grows under a green-black seed. To eat the fruit birds must first eat the seed.



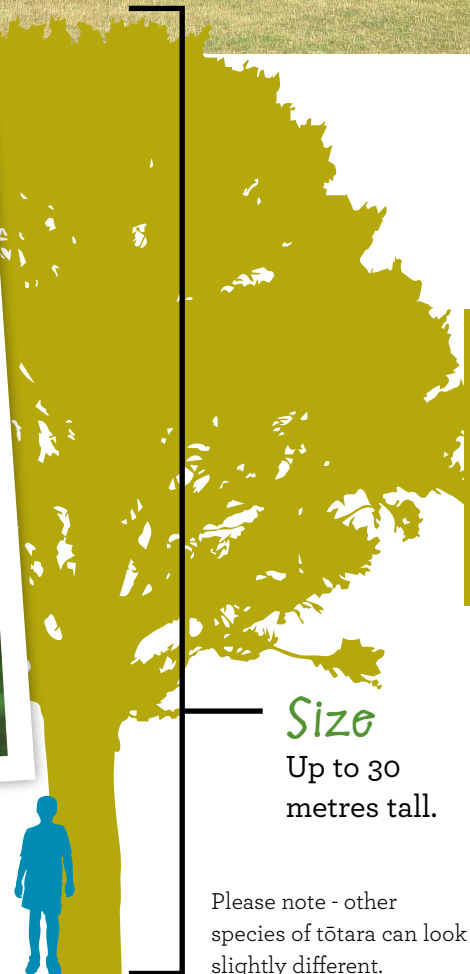
## Bark

Brown and has flaky strips

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## Size

Up to 30 metres tall.

Please note - other species of tōtara can look slightly different.