

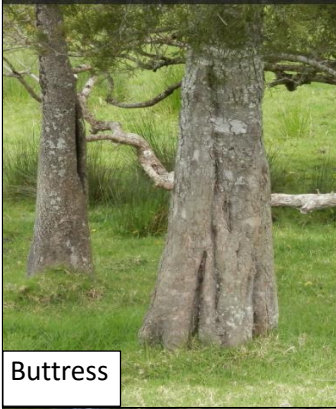


Kahikatea

(*Dacrycarpus dacrydioides*)

EMERGENT

50m+



Buttress



Description:

- New Zealand's tallest tree with a cone shaped top
- Above ground roots rise to create a buttress at the base of the trunk. This stabilises those trees growing in swamps
- Younger trees have leaves that are flat and brown while the leaves of older trees are smaller and greener.

Flowers & Fruits:

- Kahikatea have cones. Yellow pollen cones and blue seed cones are on separate trees. The dust is in the middle of the pollen
- The seeds are black within a red berry—not unlike the totara
- Distribution of seed is by birds that feed on the berries

Pests / Diseases:

- Kahikatea are relatively free of pests and diseases
- The timber, known as white pine, is vulnerable to the borer larvae

Uses:

- It does not last in ground and is too brittle to be used in construction
- Kahikatea was used in earlier times for butter boxes as it did not taint the butter