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ORDER: CASUARINALES

Family: Casuarinaceae

Habit: the plants are woody, evergreen, profusely branched shrubs or trees. They possess long, slender, cylindrical and grooved branches

Leaves: the number of leaves in a whorl varies from species to species. It ranges from 4 to 12 the internodes are furrowed

Flowers: The flowers are unisexual and the perianth is absent.

Male Flower: The male flower arise at the ends of the branches and are found to be arranged in erect catkin-like .spike

Female Flower: The female flowers are borne in dense heads .at the end of short lateral branches

The flower is without perianth and consists of two carpels which are syncarpous

Fruit: The fruit is one seeded winged not protected by the .hardened bracteoles

Seeds: The seeds are non-endospermic. They are winged and being enclosed within woody bracteoles

Economic Importance of Family: الأهمية الاقتصادية للعائلة

- Its trees are an important source of wood أشجارها مصدر مهم للخشب
- Some types are grown for ornamentals plants or as windbreaks

تزرع بعض الأنواع لنباتات الزينة أو كمصدات الرياح

• Medicines value قيمة في الأدوية

Plant Example: مثال نبات

Casuarina equisetifolia L. کازوارینا