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**DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY**

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**Botanical Name:** *Araucaria columnaris* (J.R. Forst) Hook.

**Family:** Araucariaceae.

**Common Name:** Cook pine and Christmas tree.

**Origin:** Cook Island, north-east of Australia in the south pacific.

**General Characters:**

- The bark of the cook pine peels off in thin paper.
- It is a decorated tree.
- Christmas tree is symbol of Christ.
- Associated with celebration of Christmas.
- It has slender branches.
- Its blue foliage is dense.
- It is evergreen tree.
- It has triangular shape.

