



Above: Linear, spiny leaves are arranged in a spiral, hence the common name screw pine.

Common Screw Pine

Pandanus utilis



Above: The form of common screw pine. Old leaf scars spiral around branches.

Left: aerial prop roots anchor the plant and keep it upright in heavy winds.

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Family: Pandanaceae

Stem & Leaf Type: herbaceous

Size: 20-60' tall and 20' wide

USDA Hardiness Zones: 10-11

Leaves: linear, simple, and without petioles

Leaf Color: blue/green to dark green

Fall Color: none

Flowers: dioecious—long spikes

Fruit: resembles pinecones

Light: full sun

Moisture: moist to well drained

Insect/Disease Issues: few

Nativity: Madagascar

Location in the Gardens:

Conservatory

Culture & Landscape Value:

Salt tolerant in its native habitat, it is used for erosion control on coast lines

Will not survive frost, and should be brought indoors

The leaves have historically been used for thatching, basket and mat weaving

Notes:

Although the name 'pine' is in the common name, Screw Pine is a monocot

Seeds take 2-3 months to germinate



Months of Interest:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec