Plantations of slash pine have been established across Queensland.

Slash pines have naturalised in bushland areas. This tree can form dense stands and shade out other species. Slash pine is particularly common in eucalypt woodland areas.

**Description**

This conifer grows to over 30 metres tall. Bark is red-brown to grey-brown. Leaves are 20-30cm long, needle-like and in bundles. This tree is evergreen, resinous and aromatic. Male and female cones occur on the same plant. Female cones release dark brown seeds with wings.

**Management**

Small individual plants can be removed by hand pulling, particularly in moist soil. Take care to remove the roots and consider applying mulch to discourage regrowth. Larger individuals may be dug out with a mattock or similar garden tool.

Slash pines are sometimes used by native fauna as habitat trees (although they have little food value). Check slash pines carefully before removing and it is also advisable to enlist the help of a qualified wildlife spotter. Replace slash pines with native trees such as eucalypts to provide food and shelter for wildlife.

If you would like further information on weeds look at the A–Z Listing of Weeds at Queensland Government Website.