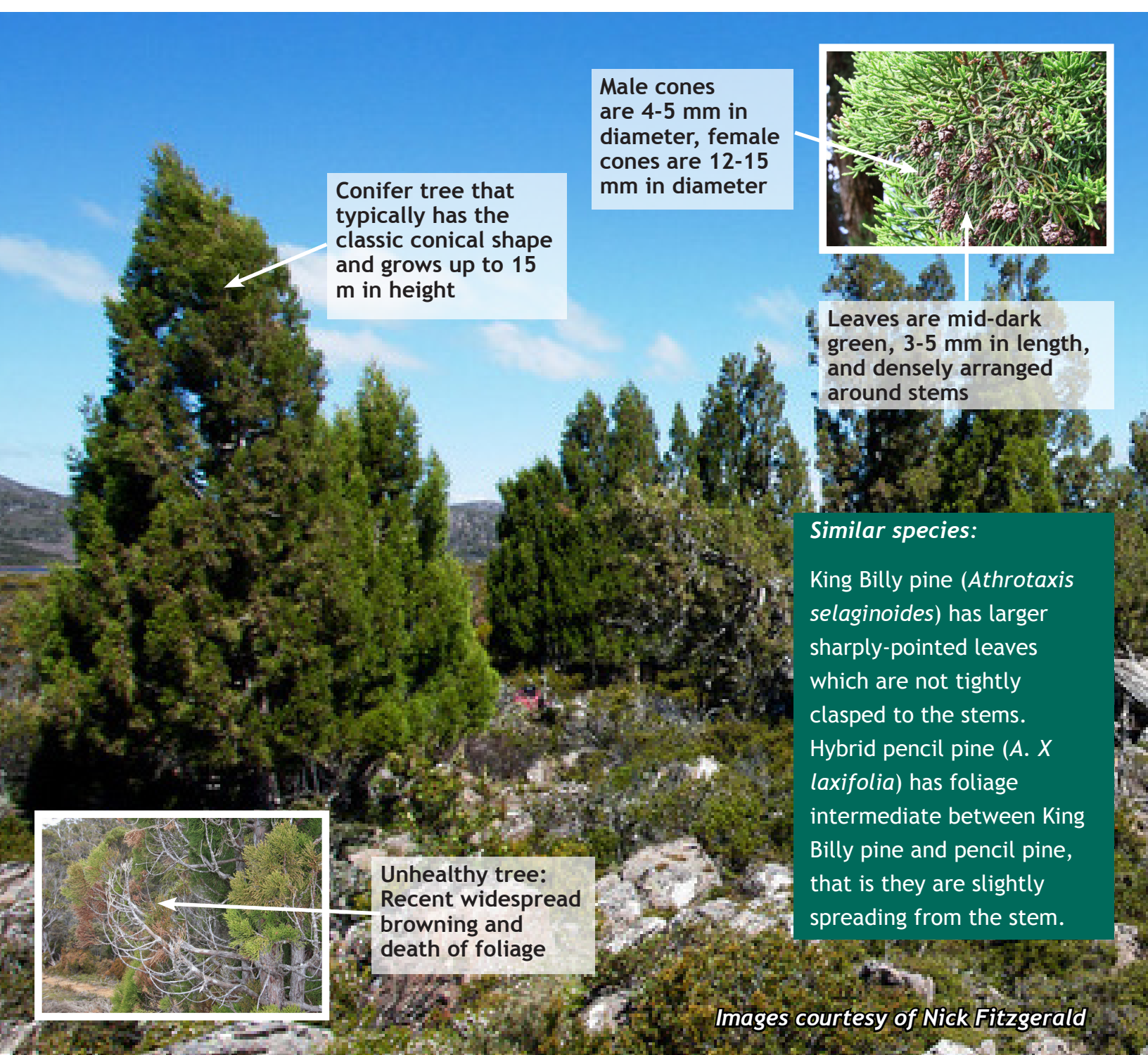


Pencil Pine *Athrotaxis cupressoides*

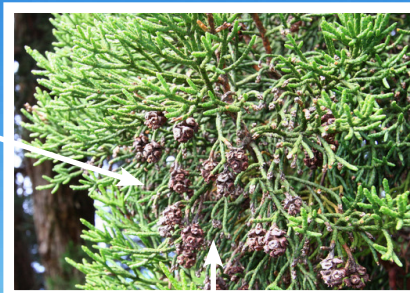
When to look:

Fresh female cones are visible in the summer



Conifer tree that typically has the classic conical shape and grows up to 15 m in height


Male cones are 4-5 mm in diameter, female cones are 12-15 mm in diameter



Leaves are mid-dark green, 3-5 mm in length, and densely arranged around stems

Similar species:

King Billy pine (*Athrotaxis selaginoides*) has larger sharply-pointed leaves which are not tightly clasped to the stems. Hybrid pencil pine (*A. X laxifolia*) has foliage intermediate between King Billy pine and pencil pine, that is they are slightly spreading from the stem.



Unhealthy tree: Recent widespread browning and death of foliage

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