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Pencil Pine (*Athrotaxis cupressoides*)

These beautiful trees grow only above 700 metres altitude, and are part of the picturesque landscape of such iconic Tasmanian locations as Cradle Mountain. They grow in a pointed, upright fashion and are a dark green that catches the eye in the mountain environment.

The Pencil Pines are part of the large, widespread Cupressaceae, or Cypress family. This includes the long-lived and superlatively sized Sequoia trees of California and the western red-cedars of British Columbia. It is listed as a vulnerable species, as it is very sensitive to fires, landscape fungal infections, and seedling predation by introduced mammals.