

# Kauri

Young Kauri have different leaves and shed their branches.



Picture: Elongated leaves of young Kauri.

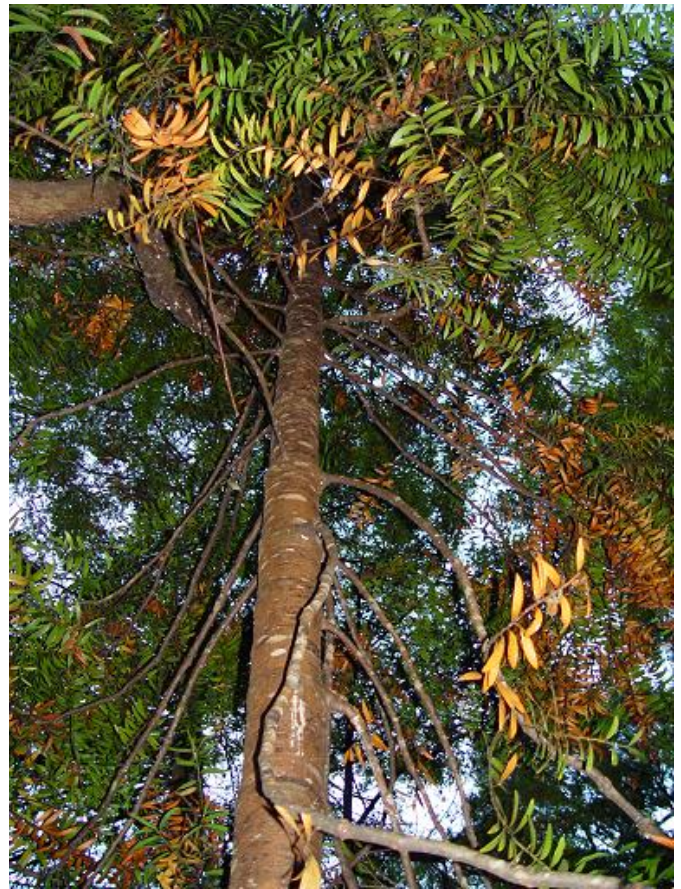
Young Kauri grow longer leaves than old Kauri. The width stays practically the same but the leaves of young trees are about 70% longer than the leaves of the fully grown Kauri. The bigger size is needed to allow sufficient photosynthesis which is obstructed due to the darkness close to the forest floor.

Kauri shed their branches as they grow. The lower branches die off and fall as the tree gains height.



The Kauri on the left is one of the tallest in NZ today. It lives in the Omahuta Kauri Sanctuary in Mangamuka (Hokianga). All the lower branches have dropped off and only a few main branches are

left high up in the canopy.



Picture above: The branches of young Kauri die and fall.

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