

Mountain Pines



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The mountain pines fill the arboreal stratum that intermingles with the junipers and the sabinas over the limestones. In the Sierra Nevada, these dry and cold pine forests are formed by Scots pine (*Pinus sylvestris* var. *nevadensis*) that can also be found nearby in the Sierra de Baza. These two mountain ranges are the only natural enclaves of the "*nevadensis*" variety.

Their felling for wood and the controlled burnings meant the loss of a good part of these indigenous pine trees, being later replaced by indigenous coniferous varieties and species. Where the pine forest has not been recovered, the scrub thornbushes have invaded, being the current dominant vegetation.

