

Common Name: Ponderosa Pine
Scientific Name: *Pinus ponderosa*

Sun Exposure: Full sun

Average Size: 100-150 feet tall and 3-6 feet in diameter

Moisture: Prefers dry, well-drained sites

Elevation: Low to upper elevations (sea level to 9,000 feet)

Soils: Grows in a wide range of soil types; prefers sandy or gravelly soils

Shape: Coniferous tree with an open crown of foliage.

Foliage: Evergreen ~Needles are long (5 to 10 inches long) green to yellow-green and clustered out near the branch ends.

Flower: N/A

Fruit: N/A

Notes:

- Very important large timber tree.
- Bark is very interesting and changes color with age: young bark is brown to nearly black. As the tree matures, the bark becomes ridged and furrowed eventually turning yellowish to reddish-brown.
- Very extensive range of growth
- Susceptible to bark beetle infestations

