**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