

Ponderosa Pine

Pinus ponderosa

SIZE AT

AGE 150: 120-180 feet tall
2½-4 feet in diameter

LIFE SPAN: 300 years

NEEDLES: 5-10" long in bundles of 3, sometimes 2 on the same twig.

CONES: 4-6" long. Conical or egg-shaped. Outward pointed prickles.

BARK: Black on young trees, yellow-brown with large scaly plates on mature trees.



WHERE TO FIND: Lower elevations and dry southern slopes,

THINGS TO KNOW: The lumber of the ponderosa pine is valuable, often being used for window frames & panel doors. Quail & nutcrackers consume the seeds. Squirrels and chipmunks often store the seeds in caches, thus aiding their dispersal. Loggers call this yellow pine or bull pine.