



Ponderosa Pine (Yellow Pine)

Pinus ponderosa

Tall evergreen conifer to 100' or more. Yellowish-green to dark green needles, 5" long, in bunches of 3. Buff colored bark textured like jigsaw puzzle pieces. Large cones.

Look for Willamette Valley or other forms from west of the Cascades that will tolerate soil moisture. Plant in well-drained soil. Beware of power lines overhead. Do not plant close to buildings because of large size.

Fast-growing and long lived. Cultivars available.

Drought tolerant/Grows in full sun or part shade/Food source for native butterfly caterpillars/
Food source, shelter or nesting sites for birds/Among species considered to be most valuable wildlife plants.

Links:

Needles & cone: <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/ldplants/pipo8.htm>

Bark: <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/ldplants/pipo4.htm>

Plant habit: <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/ldplants/pipo1.htm>