Pinus ponderosa Ponderosa Pine

TYPE - CONIFER - evergreen.

To 50 or 60' high in 60 years, eventually to 150 or 200'.

Stately with age.

Branches short, hanging down, usually turning up at ends.

Handsome, plated bark.

Needles glossy yellow-green, 5 - 10" long, 3 per bundle.

Cones to 6", short prickles.

Native habitat: mostly yellow pine forests, 2,000 to 8,500' - mountains from northern Baja California to Sierras and Modoc County.

Full sun. Frost resistant.

Well drained soil.

Water:

Moderate to fast growth. Sensitive to smog. Very hardy, but not good in desert heat and wind.

