

Find the Largest Ponderosa Pine Tree in Spokane

PONDEROSA PINE CONTEST

Celebrate Spokane's Official Tree, *Pinus ponderosa*.

Nominate a Ponderosa pine tree as your favorite, and possibly the largest, tree in the city. Every nomination will be entered into a raffle for cool prizes. So let's have fun and nominate your favorite Ponderosa pine tree. (It doesn't have to be big to be nominated and entered into the raffle.)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Email: _____ or Phone: _____

Please provide location of tree, address or street. If an address is not available, describe tree location. (Hint: Most mobile GPS applications allow you to see your latitude and longitude.) If more than one tree in an area, explain which tree you are nominating to the best of your ability.

FUN IN ESTIMATING (guessing is fine, too). Do your best in filling out the information below:

- Trunk circumference at 4.5 feet above ground, in inches: _____
(Helpful Hint - Sewing tapes are good tools for measuring.)
- Trunk diameter at 4.5 feet above ground, in inches: _____
- Total tree height, in feet: _____
(Helpful Hint – A basketball hoop is about 10 feet high.)

KEY IDENTIFYING FEATURES OF THE PONDEROSA PINE:

- Long needles 5 to 11 inches in clustered bundles of 3
- Bark is dark brown turning to a reddish, yellow color as it ages
- Cones are fairly large, from 3 to 6 inches long

SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION:

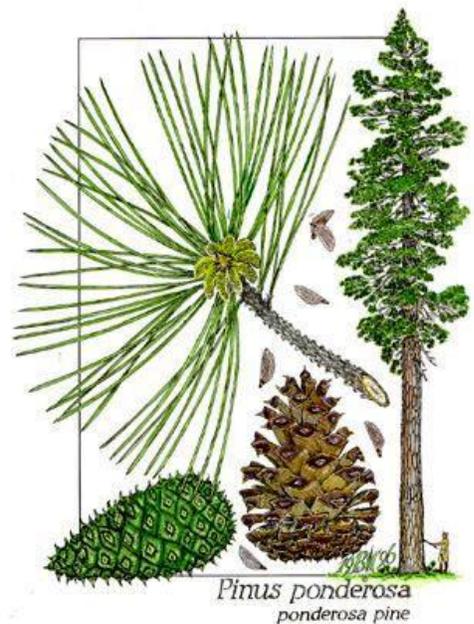
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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-0039

A resolution declaring the Ponderosa Pine as the City of Spokane's official tree.

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane's official city flower is the lilac and there exists no official city tree; and

WHEREAS, the Ponderosa Pine was first commonly described by Meriwether Lewis in 1805 and later botanically described by David Douglas in 1826, from a place near present-day Spokane in eastern Washington state; and

WHEREAS, *Pinus ponderosa*, commonly known as the ponderosa pine, bull pine, blackjack pine, or western yellow pine, is Spokane's dominant native conifer, well-adapted to thrive under local conditions, exceedingly windfirm, drought-tolerant, and low-maintenance; and

WHEREAS, in the urban setting, the Ponderosa Pine provides numerous environmental, economic, health, and aesthetic benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Ponderosa Pine is used in a variety of ways as medicine, food, building material, and for ceremony; and

WHEREAS, this tree species offers ornamental value throughout Spokane with its architectural stature, evergreen foliage, varied and changing colored bark, and its sweet scent; and

WHEREAS, the Ponderosa Pine provides important habitat for native wildlife species; - - Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SPOKANE THAT the City Council declares the Ponderosa Pine the official tree of the City of Spokane and supports the development of policies that will protect existing Ponderosa Pine trees and the ecosystem in which they exist and the planting of new Ponderosa Pine trees.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON April 21, 2014

Len Hjort
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Michael A. Pisciolo
Assistant City Attorney

