

Pondicherry Trees

Pondicherry has 31 known species of trees based on surveys. Pondicherry also has the distinction of having one State Champion Quaking Aspen and two Coos County Champions - Gray Birch and Bigtooth Aspen.

Conifers: 9 Species

Common Name	Scientific Name	Remarks
Balsam Fir	<i>Abies balsamea</i>	Common
Eastern Hemlock	<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	Uncommon
Eastern Larch	<i>Larix laricina</i>	Common
Red Spruce	<i>Picea rubens</i>	Uncommon
White Spruce	<i>Picea glauca</i>	Common
Black Spruce	<i>Picea mariana</i>	Common
White Pine	<i>Pinus strobus</i>	Common
Red Pine	<i>Pinus resinosa</i>	Rare, a few along Rail Trail
Northern White Cedar	<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	Common only at Mud Pond

Deciduous: 22 Species

Common Name	Scientific Name	Remarks
American Elm	<i>Ulmus americana</i>	Uncommon
American Beech	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	Mainly on upland sites
White Birch	<i>Betula papyrifera</i>	Common
Gray Birch (CC)	<i>Betula populifolia</i>	Start of LCP Trail
Yellow Birch	<i>Betula alleghaniensis</i>	Common on upland sites
Quaking Aspen (State)	<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Common, including State Champion off the Rail Trail (tied with 2 other trees in the area)
Big-tooth Aspen (CC)	<i>Populus grandidentata</i>	Champ is off the LCP Trail
Balsam Poplar	<i>Populus alba</i>	Common
Black Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Common
Fire or Pin Cherry	<i>Prunus pennsylvanica</i>	Common
Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Common
Apple (NN)	<i>Pyrus malus</i>	Uncommon along rail trail
Serviceberry or Shadbush	<i>Amelanchier sp.</i>	Common
Sugar Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>	Upland sites
Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Common
Striped Maple	<i>Acer pennsylvanicum</i>	Common
Mountain Maple	<i>Acer spicatum</i>	Common
White Ash	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	Uncommon on upland sites
Black Ash	<i>Fraxinus nigra</i>	Common in wetlands
Mountain Ash	<i>Sorbus americana</i>	Common
Red Oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Rare on upland sites
Pussy Willow	<i>Salix discolor*</i>	Common

* The variety of willow or *Salix* species is noteworthy and Scott Bailey has documented 7 species so far at Pondicherry. Most grow as woody shrubs, with the exception of *Salix discolor* that grows as a tree. The *Salix* species at Pondicherry include *bebbiana*, *discolor*, *eriocephala*, *humilis*, *lucida*, *petiolaris*, and *pyrifolia*.