



Photo courtesy of Bruce Van Pelt shown on the right.

Common Name: Great Basin bristlecone pine

Scientific Name: *Pinus longaeva*

This tree, growing in a remote area in the Spring Mountains (near Las Vegas), was nominated by Robert Van Pelt in 2003 (shown on the left).

It is a National Champion Big Tree, with a height of 55 feet, a circumference of 455 inches, and a trunk diameter of 11 feet. Its spread is 44 feet, for a total of 518 points. It is the second-largest tree on the Nevada big Tree Register (by points).

Great Basin bristlecone pine, one of Nevada's two State Trees, is native to tree line areas in California and Nevada.

A Great Basin bristlecone pine called "Methuselah" has 4825 annual rings (as measured by a cylindrical ring borer).