

Sugar pine tallest pine in world

The sugar pine is back as the largest and tallest pine in the world.

Recent discoveries of giant pines put sugar pine back in the lead after the five biggest sugar pines from Robert Van Pelt's book "Forest Giants" all died from storms and disease, according to the Sugar Pine Foundation.

Mike Taylor discovered the the Tioga Tower in Yosemite National Park. It is now the tallest sugar pine at 273.79-feet tall and 7.7 feet at breast height.

Carl Casey discovered the largest pine in the world, the Calaveras King, in Calaveras Big Trees State Park. It has a diameter of 9.1 feet at breast height, stands 241-feet tall and contains about 5,400 cubic feet of wood.

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