

## **Giant Sequoia** *Sequoiadendron giganteum*

**Distribution:** Giant Sequoia is not native to Washington but occurs naturally in a narrow belt along the west slope of the central Sierra Nevada Mountains.

**Growth:** As the name implies, Giant Sequoia grows to become a large tree. The tallest specimen is 310 feet tall and its trunk is 347 inches in diameter at breast height.

**Adaptability:** Giant Sequoias have been grown in Washington for decades, with numerous large specimens and groves resulting. It requires ample sunlight and well-drained soils in order to thrive. Excess shade, heavy wet soils and insufficient moisture can result in death.

**Comments:** Giant Sequoia is used primarily as an ornamental in the region. It can withstand heavy wind which makes it a great candidate for windbreaks. The oldest known Giant Sequoia is 3,500 years old. It is also the world's largest conifer.

