

# Champion Trees of Alabama



## 2010

Contains measurements  
of the largest trees by species  
recorded in Alabama.

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## What Is the Champion Tree Program?

Modeled after *American Forests'* Big Tree Program, the Alabama Forestry Commission's (AFC) Champion Tree program honors the largest tree of each species in Alabama. Alabama's Champion Tree program began in 1970, when 28 champion trees were identified. Today, there are 144 champion trees. Once a champion is identified, its owner and nominator receive a certificate, and a permanent marker is placed near the base of the tree.

## What Is the Purpose of the Champion Tree Program?

*Champion Tree* was created for the purpose of discovering, recognizing, and preserving the largest tree of each species in Alabama. A champion tree is special; therefore, the AFC supports the recognition and preservation of these trees through its Champion Tree program.

## What Is a Champion Tree?

A champion tree is the largest of its species recorded in Alabama. To be eligible for the program, a tree must be a species that is recognized as being native or naturalized in Alabama. A "naturalized" tree is an introduced species that has established itself in the wild; reproducing naturally and spreading. **However, naturalized species considered to be "invasive" by the Alabama Invasive Plant Council (ALIPC) are not eligible.** In addition to being native or naturalized, a plant species must be deemed to be a tree. The AFC, with the aid of Dr. Lisa Samuelson, Auburn University, has developed a list of eligible species. If a nominator is uncertain that a species is eligible, he/she should contact Brian Hendricks, Champion Tree Coordinator. The AFC uses a formula developed by *American Forests* to determine the size of a tree. A tree's total point score is determined as follows: one point for each inch of circumference, plus one point for each foot of height, plus one point for each four feet of the average crown spread. Instructions for using this formula can be found on page 11 of this publication. Trees that are within 5 total points of each other are identified as co-champions.

## Who Can Nominate a Champion Tree and How?

Anyone can nominate a tree for this program by completing an on-line nomination form found on the AFC website at [www.forestry.alabama.gov](http://www.forestry.alabama.gov). An AFC forester is responsible for collecting the tree's measurements and other pertinent information. Nominations must be received no later *than the first day of June* to be considered for the year in which the tree is nominated

## National Champions

State champion trees that are potential national champions are submitted to the National Register of Big Trees maintained by *American Forests* in Washington, D.C. The National Register uses the same point system as the Alabama Champion Tree program.

# Champion Trees by County

★ Denotes National Champion

◆ Denotes Co-National Champion

## **Autauga County (2)**

American Beech

Arkansas Oak

## **Baldwin County (23)**

American Hornbeam

Atlantic White Cedar

Baldcypress

Bluff Oak

Burningbush

Chastetree

Chickasaw Plum

Dahoon Holly

Devilwood

Flatwoods Plum

Hazel Alder

Hercules' Club

Mayhaw

Myrtle Oak ◆

Pond Cypress

Sand Pine

Scentless Bayberry ★

Slash Pine

Southern Redcedar

Swamp Cottonwood

Sweetbay Magnolia

Water Hickory

Witch-hazel

## **Barbour County (4)**

Blackjack Oak

Pond Pine

Sawtooth Oak

Sugarberry ★

## **Bibb County (1)**

Cherrybark Oak

## **Blount County (2)**

Carolina Buckthorn

Gum Bumelia

## **Bullock County (2)**

Loblolly Pine

Shumard Oak

## **Calhoun County (2)**

Kentucky Coffee Tree

Southern Magnolia ◆

## **Chambers County (1)**

American Holly

## **Chilton County (3)**

Bitternut Hickory

Bluejack Oak

Common Pear

## **Choctaw County (2)**

Red Mulberry

Sparkleberry ◆

## **Clarke County (1)**

Pignut Hickory

## **Clay County (1)**

Southern Catalpa

## **Cleburne County (2)**

Flowering Dogwood

Swamp Chestnut Oak

## **Colbert County (2)**

Black Walnut

Carolina Laurel Cherry

## **Conecuh County (1)**

Pecan

## **Coosa County (3)**

Chinese Chestnut

Post Oak

Sweetgum

## **Covington County (2)**

Sand Post Oak

Water Elm

## **Dallas County (5)**

Hercules' Club

Nutmeg Hickory

Sassafras

Scarlet Oak

Swamp Dogwood ◆

## **DeKalb County (7)**

Downy Serviceberry

Eastern Hophornbeam

Littlehip Hawthorn

Silver Maple

Sweet Birch

Virginia Pine

White Mulberry

## **Elmore County (2)**

American Plum

Blackgum

## **Etowah County (1)**

Shagbark Hickory

## **Greene County (1)**

Osage-orange

## **Hale County (2)**

Darlington Oak

Eastern Cottonwood

## **Jackson County (2)**

Mockernut Hickory

Yellowwood

## **Lamar County (1)**

River Birch

## **Lauderdale County (1)**

Persimmon

## **Lawrence County (3)**

Chinkapin Oak

Shingle Oak

Yellow-poplar

## **Limestone County (2)**

Eastern Redbud

Swamp Tupelo

## **Lowndes County (1)**

Florida Maple

## **Macon County (1)**

Black Oak

## **Madison County (15)**

American Smoketree

Black Cherry

Black Locust

Cucumber Tree

Dotted Hawthorn

Eastern Swampprivet

Nuttall Oak

Possumhaw (Holly)

Shellbark Hickory

Shortleaf Pine

Siberian Elm

Sugar Maple

Swamp White Oak

Water Tupelo

Yellow Buckeye

## **Marengo County (2)**

Laurel Oak

Overcup Oak

## **Marion County (4)**

Chinese Chestnut

Northern Red Oak

Sourwood

Sweetleaf

## **Marshall County (3)**

Chestnut Oak

Common Hackberry

Willow Oak

## **Mobile County (3)**

Live Oak

Sand Live Oak

Swamp Cyrilla

## **Monroe County (2)**

Basswood

Bigleaf Magnolia

## **Montgomery County (6)**

Bur Oak

Post Oak

Southern Crab Apple

Sycamore

Water Oak

White Oak

## **Morgan County (1)**

Red Maple

## **Perry County (6)**

Black Willow

Florida Anise ★

Georgia Hackberry ◆

Red Hickory

Slippery Elm

Southern Catalpa

## **Pike County (1)**

Southern Red Oak

## **Randolph County (2)**

Common Pawpaw

Witch-hazel

## **Russell County (1)**

Spruce Pine

## **Shelby County (1)**

Crape Myrtle

## **Talladega County (2)**

American Chestnut

Honeylocust

## **Tallapoosa County (1)**

Staghorn Sumac ★

## **Tuscaloosa County (1)**

Fringetree

## **Walker County (1)**

American Elm

## **Wilcox County (8)**

Chalk Maple

Durand Oak ★

Eastern Cottonwood

Eastern Redcedar

Green Ash

Two-winged Silverbell ★

White Ash

Winged Elm

## **Winston County (1)**

Eastern Hemlock

# Champion Trees of Alabama (2010 Champions are in Blue)

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| <b>ALDER, Hazel</b><br><i>Alnus serrulata</i> , 2001                 | 19                        | 25               | 29               | 51              | Baldwin    | 2012                   | City of Fairhope - O<br>Tom Ellis & Fred Nation - N                    |
| <b>AMERICAN SMOKETREE</b><br><i>Cotinus obovatus</i> , 2010          | 58                        | 64               | 37               | 131             | Madison    | 2015                   | Carol Rampey - O<br>Melody Stewart - N                                 |
| <b>APPLE, Southern crab</b><br><i>Malus angustifolia</i> , 2002      | 65                        | 41               | 34               | 115             | Montgomery | 2012                   | Silas Bonner - O<br>Brent Gohring - N                                  |
| <b>ASH, Green</b><br><i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i> , 2000            | 168                       | 80               | 83               | 269             | Wilcox     | 2012                   | Allyrae Wallace<br>Educational Trust - O<br>Jesse Bell - N             |
| <b>ASH, White</b><br><i>Fraxinus americana</i> , 2008                | 107                       | 103              | 64               | 226             | Wilcox     | 2013                   | Tommy & Jeanell Lawler - O<br>James T. Lawler Outdoor<br>Classroom - N |
| <b>BASSWOOD</b><br><i>Tilia spp.</i> , 2008                          | 96                        | 110              | 44               | 217             | Monroe     | 2013                   | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - O<br>Jason Ledbetter - N                |
| <b>BAYBERRY, Scentless</b><br><i>Morella inodora</i> , 2000 ★        | 15                        | 27               | 16               | 46              | Baldwin    | 2012                   | City of Daphne-Village Point - O<br>Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation - N |
| <b>BEECH, American</b><br><i>Fagus grandifolia</i> , 2003            | 142                       | 118              | 139              | 295             | Autauga    | 2012                   | Cary McDaniel - O, N   |
| <b>BIRCH, River</b><br><i>Betula nigra</i> , 1993                    | 172                       | 113              | 95               | 309             | Lamar      | 2012                   | Camille Wilson - O<br>Dan Lassetter - N                                |
| <b>BIRCH, Sweet</b><br><i>Betula lenta</i> , 2008                    | 53                        | 53               | 36               | 115             | DeKalb     | 2013                   | DeSoto State Park - O<br>Jason Shelton - N                             |
| <b>BLACKGUM</b><br><i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> , 1988                     | 129                       | 112              | 47               | 253             | Elmore     | 2012                   | Joseph Collins - O<br>Jill Browning - N                                |
| <b>BUCKEYE, Yellow</b><br><i>Aesculus octandra</i> , 1994            | 86                        | 125              | 54               | 225             | Madison    | 2012                   | City of Huntsville - O<br>Susan Weber - N                              |
| <b>BUCKTHORN, Carolina</b><br><i>Rhamnus caroliniana</i> , 1995      | 10                        | 30               | 24               | 46              | Blount     | 2012                   | Marvin & Barbara Whited - O<br>Bob G. Winters - N                      |
| <b>BUMELIA, Gum</b><br><i>Bumelia lanuginosa</i> , 1994              | 45                        | 42               | 33               | 95              | Blount     | 2012                   | Marvin & Barbara Whited - O<br>Bob G. Winters - N                      |
| <b>BURNINGBUSH</b><br><i>Euonymus atropurpurea</i> , 2002            | 53                        | 26               | 32               | 87              | Baldwin    | 2012                   | City of Fairhope - O<br>Jane Jeffers - N                               |
| <b>CATALPA, Southern</b><br><i>Catalpa bignonioides</i> , 1994       | 202                       | 58               | 67               | 277             | Perry      | 2012                   | Carolyn Daniel - O<br>David Pearce - N                                 |
| <b>CATALPA, Southern</b><br><i>Catalpa bignonioides</i> , 2008       | 200                       | 64               | 68               | 281             | Clay       | 2013                   | Eloise Samuels - O, N  |
| <b>CEDAR, Atlantic White</b><br><i>Chameacyparis thyoides</i> , 2009 | 91                        | 54               | 35               | 154             | Baldwin    | 2014                   | Jeanette & Forest Kibler - O<br>Forest Kibler - N                      |
| <b>CHASTETREE</b><br><i>Vitex agnus-castus</i> , 2001                | 24                        | 16               | 21               | 45              | Baldwin    | 2012                   | Green Nurseries - O<br>Bobby Green - N                                 |

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| <b>CHERRY, Black</b><br><i>Prunus serotina</i> , 2009              | 140                       | 71               | 79               | 231             | Madison   | 2014                   | Roger Everett & Joyce Rutland - O<br>Doug Chapman - N             |
| <b>CHERRY, Carolina Laurel</b><br><i>Prunus caroliniana</i> , 2008 | 14                        | 37               | 44               | 62              | Colbert   | 2013                   | Gerinell Hamm - O<br>Jack Paul - N                                |
| <b>CHESTNUT, American</b><br><i>Castanea dentata</i> , 2009        | 41                        | 74               | 28               | 122             | Talladega | 2014                   | U. S. Forest Service - O<br>Arthur Hitt & Scott Stevens - N       |
| <b>CHESTNUT, Chinese</b><br><i>Castanea mollissima</i> , 2007      | 127                       | 70               | 68               | 214             | Marion    | 2012                   | Dr. Will Lenahan - O<br>Sherrian McDaniel - N                     |
| <b>CHESTNUT, Chinese</b><br><i>Castanea mollissima</i> , 1998      | 131                       | 58               | 75               | 208             | Coosa     | 2012                   | George & Ronnie Zak - O<br>Blake Kelley - N                       |
| <b>COTTONWOOD, Eastern</b><br><i>Populus deltoides</i> , 2008      | 163                       | 91               | 72               | 272             | Wilcox    | 2013                   | U. S. Army Corps of Engineers - O<br>Jason Ledbetter - N          |
| <b>COTTONWOOD, Eastern</b><br><i>Populus deltoides</i> , 2008      | 139                       | 109              | 81               | 268             | Hale      | 2013                   | Mike Whaley - O, N  |
| <b>COTTONWOOD, Swamp</b><br><i>Populus heterophylla</i> , 2010     | 74                        | 61               | 41               | 145             | Baldwin   | 2015                   | Vermelle McDill - O<br>Joseph Donnelly - N                        |
| <b>CRAPE MYRTLE, Common</b><br><i>Lagerstroemia indica</i> , 2008  | 78                        | 40               | 38               | 128             | Shelby    | 2013                   | Taylor Dick - O, N  |
| <b>CYPRESS, Bald</b><br><i>Taxodium distichum</i> , 1989           | 326                       | 112              | 56               | 452             | Baldwin   | 2012                   | AL Dep't. of Conservation - O<br>Michael Jordan & John Martin - N |
| <b>CYPRESS, Pond</b><br><i>Taxodium ascendens</i> , 2010           | 90                        | 97               | 42               | 198             | Baldwin   | 2015                   | Historic Blakeley State Park - O<br>Fred Nation - N               |
| <b>CYRILLA, Swamp</b><br><i>Cyrilla racemiflora</i> , 1996         | 42                        | 45               | 38               | 97              | Mobile    | 2012                   | University of Mobile - O<br>Patrick Waldrop - N                   |
| <b>DEVILWOOD</b><br><i>Osmanthus americanus</i> , 2001             | 24                        | 36               | 25               | 66              | Baldwin   | 2012                   | Jeanette & Doug Eden - O<br>Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation - N    |
| <b>DOGWOOD, Flowering</b><br><i>Cornus florida</i> , 2009          | 70                        | 38               | 53               | 121             | Cleburne  | 2014                   | Michael & Holly Tolgo - O<br>Glenn Berry - N                      |
| <b>DOGWOOD, Swamp</b><br><i>Cornus stricta</i> , 2007 ♦            | 19                        | 23               | 18               | 47              | Dallas    | 2012                   | James E. Shand - O<br>Dr. Thomas H. Wilson - N                    |
| <b>ELM, American</b><br><i>Ulmus americana</i> , 2008              | 185                       | 97               | 82               | 303             | Walker    | 2013                   | Diane Cheatham - O<br>Paul Kennedy & Dan Jackson - N              |
| <b>ELM, Siberian</b><br><i>Ulmus pumila</i> , 1982                 | 58                        | 50               | 61               | 123             | Madison   | 2012                   | Keith Allen - O<br>Joe Webster Tree Care - N                      |
| <b>ELM, Slippery</b><br><i>Ulmus rubra</i> , 2004                  | 52                        | 98               | 87               | 172             | Perry     | 2012                   | Perry County Commission - O<br>Dr. Thomas H. Wilson - N           |
| <b>ELM, Water</b><br><i>Planera aquatica</i> , 1982                | 58                        | 51               | 55               | 123             | Covington | 2012                   | Solon Dixon Forestry Center - O<br>Dr. Harry Larsen - N           |
| <b>ELM, Winged</b><br><i>Ulmus alata</i> , 1997                    | 130                       | 75               | 70               | 223             | Wilcox    | 2012                   | Kinley Bell - O<br>Paul Wingard - N                               |
| <b>FLORIDA ANISE</b><br><i>Illicium floridanum</i> , 1991 ★        | 38                        | 29               | 26               | 74              | Perry     | 2012                   | Webb Estate - O<br>Dr. Thomas H. Wilson - N                       |

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| <b>FRINGETREE</b><br><i>Chionanthus virginicus</i> , 2010         | 29                        | 18               | 31               | 55              | Tuscaloosa | 2015                   | Robert I. Jones - O<br>Dexter Duren - N                                 |
| <b>HACKBERRY, Common</b><br><i>Celtis occidentalis</i> , 2009     | 176                       | 67               | 93               | 266             | Marshall   | 2014                   | John & Sue White - O<br>Sue White - N                                   |
| <b>HACKBERRY, Georgia</b><br><i>Celtis tenuifolia</i> , 2007 ♦    | 37                        | 54               | 31               | 99              | Perry      | 2012                   | Perry County Commission - O<br>Dr. Thomas H. Wilson - N                 |
| <b>HAWTHORN, Dotted</b><br><i>Crataegus punctata</i> , 1994       | 18                        | 43               | 15               | 65              | Madison    | 2012                   | Harriot Ross Grable - O<br>Susan Weber - N                              |
| <b>HAWTHORN, Littlehip</b><br><i>Crataegus spathulata</i> , 2009  | 14                        | 21               | 18               | 40              | DeKalb     | 2014                   | DeSoto State Park - O<br>Jason Shelton - N                              |
| <b>HEMLOCK, Eastern</b><br><i>Tsuga canadensis</i> , 1992         | 157                       | 130              | 44               | 298             | Winston    | 2012                   | U. S. Forest Service - O<br>Robert Taylor - N                           |
| <b>HERCULES' CLUB</b><br><i>Zanthoxylum clava-herculis</i> , 2007 | 43                        | 43               | 33               | 94              | Dallas     | 2012                   | James E. Shand - O<br>Dr. Thomas H. Wilson - N                          |
| <b>HERCULES' CLUB</b><br><i>Zanthoxylum clava-herculis</i> , 2005 | 30                        | 59               | 29               | 96              | Baldwin    | 2012                   | Blakeley State Park - O<br>Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation - N           |
| <b>HICKORY, Bitternut</b><br><i>Carya cordiformis</i> , 2008      | 42                        | 100              | 66               | 159             | Chilton    | 2013                   | Ovid Merchant - O<br>Glenn Barnett & Brian Smith - N                    |
| <b>HICKORY, Mockernut</b><br><i>Carya tomentosa</i> , 2008        | 100                       | 97               | 86               | 219             | Jackson    | 2013                   | Jackson County Park - O<br>Jason Shelton - N                            |
| <b>HICKORY, Nutmeg</b><br><i>Carya myristiciformis</i> , 2009     | 69                        | 89               | 38               | 168             | Dallas     | 2014                   | James Shand - O<br>Dr. Thomas H. Wilson - N                             |
| <b>HICKORY, Pignut</b><br><i>Carya glabra</i> , 1992              | 155                       | 110              | 76               | 284             | Clarke     | 2012                   | Charles & Kenny Finch - O<br>Kent Jones - N                             |
| <b>HICKORY, Red</b><br><i>Carya ovalis</i> , 2004                 | 36                        | 85               | 38               | 131             | Perry      | 2012                   | Perry County Commission - O<br>Dr. Thomas H. Wilson - N                 |
| <b>HICKORY, Shagbark</b><br><i>Carya ovata</i> , 2008             | 92                        | 119              | 67               | 228             | Etowah     | 2013                   | Scott Morris - O, N   |
| <b>HICKORY, Shellbark</b><br><i>Carya laciniosa</i> , 2007        | 101                       | 102              | 104              | 229             | Madison    | 2012                   | City of Huntsville -<br>Hays Nature Preserve - O<br>Susan Weber - N     |
| <b>HICKORY, Water</b><br><i>Carya aquatica</i> , 2001             | 152                       | 136              | 78               | 308             | Baldwin    | 2012                   | State of Alabama Forever Wild - O<br>Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation - N |
| <b>HOLLY, American</b><br><i>Ilex opaca</i> , 1987                | 126                       | 50               | 47               | 188             | Chambers   | 2012                   | Norbord, Inc. - O<br>Jeff Abney - N                                     |
| <b>HOLLY, Dahoon</b><br><i>Ilex cassine</i> , 2007                | 38                        | 47               | 37               | 94              | Baldwin    | 2012                   | Linnie Galloway - O<br>Chan West - N                                    |
| <b>HOPHORNBEAM, Eastern</b><br><i>Ostrya virginiana</i> , 2008    | 37                        | 55               | 39               | 102             | DeKalb     | 2013                   | Buck's Pocket State Park - O<br>Jason Shelton - N                       |
| <b>HORNBEAM, American</b><br><i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> , 2008   | 41                        | 46               | 37               | 96              | Baldwin    | 2013                   | Margaret M. Lewis - O<br>Gena Todia - N                                 |
| <b>KENTUCKY COFFEE TREE</b><br><i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i> , 1992  | 127                       | 90               | 67               | 234             | Calhoun    | 2012                   | Mary Ann Carroll - O<br>Charles P. Glazner - N                          |

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| <b>LOCUST, Black</b><br><i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> , 1995        | 92                        | 94               | 19               | 191             | Madison    | 2012                   | Sydney & Elaine White - O<br>Susan Weber - N                            |
| <b>LOCUST, Honey</b><br><i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> , 2009       | 90                        | 107              | 67               | 214             | Talladega  | 2014                   | Headwaters Investments Corp. - O<br>John Goff & Travis Ford - N         |
| <b>MAGNOLIA, Bigleaf</b><br><i>Magnolia macrophylla</i> , 2008    | 60                        | 85               | 44               | 156             | Monroe     | 2013                   | U. S. Army Corps of Engineers - O<br>Jason Ledbetter - N                |
| <b>MAGNOLIA, Cucumber</b><br><i>Magnolia acuminata</i> , 1993     | 140                       | 90               | 57               | 244             | Madison    | 2012                   | City of Huntsville - O<br>Susan Weber & Layne Vaughan - N               |
| <b>MAGNOLIA, Southern</b><br><i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> , 1987 ♦ | 209                       | 90               | 92               | 322             | Calhoun    | 2012                   | Variosa (ladies club) - O<br>Mary Bryant - N                            |
| <b>MAGNOLIA, Sweetbay</b><br><i>Magnolia virginiana</i> , 2010    | 140                       | 91               | 63               | 247             | Baldwin    | 2015                   | Historic Blakeley State Park - O<br>Tad M. Zebryk - N                   |
| <b>MAPLE, Chalk</b><br><i>Acer leucoderme</i> , 2008              | 43                        | 51               | 36               | 103             | Wilcox     | 2013                   | Tommy & Jeanell Lawler - O<br>Wayne K. Webb - N                         |
| <b>MAPLE, Florida</b><br><i>Acer barbatum</i> , 2010              | 80                        | 82               | 32               | 170             | Lowndes    | 2015                   | Resource Mgmt. Service, LLC - O<br>Wayne Webb - N                       |
| <b>MAPLE, Red</b><br><i>Acer rubrum</i> , 2009                    | 131                       | 87               | 67               | 235             | Morgan     | 2014                   | City of Decatur - O<br>Paul Floyd - N                                   |
| <b>MAPLE, Silver</b><br><i>Acer saccharinum</i> , 1984            | 197                       | 69               | 59               | 281             | DeKalb     | 2012                   | Chester Shankles - O<br>Gary Sanders - N                                |
| <b>MAPLE, Sugar</b><br><i>Acer saccharum</i> , 2008               | 130                       | 80               | 64               | 226             | Madison    | 2013                   | Patricia Hearne - O, N  |
| <b>MAYHAW</b><br><i>Crataegus aestivalis</i> , 2007               | 16                        | 20               | 20               | 41              | Baldwin    | 2012                   | F.E. Little - O<br>Jason Shelton - N                                    |
| <b>MULBERRY, Red</b><br><i>Morus rubra</i> , 2009                 | 254                       | 60               | 50               | 327             | Choctaw    | 2014                   | William J. Scruggs, Sr. - O<br>Lorenzo Johnson - N                      |
| <b>MULBERRY, White</b><br><i>Morus alba</i> , 2007                | 197                       | 51               | 57               | 262             | DeKalb     | 2012                   | James Lawrence Hilley - O<br>Alesia Hambrick - N                        |
| <b>OAK, Arkansas</b><br><i>Quercus arkansana</i> , 1991           | 43                        | 55               | 39               | 108             | Autauga    | 2012                   | John C. Pirtle - O<br>Tom Lang - N                                      |
| <b>OAK, Black</b><br><i>Quercus velutina</i> , 1992               | 236                       | 93               | 116              | 358             | Macon      | 2012                   | Earl Segrest - O<br>Marjory Carter - N                                  |
| <b>OAK, Blackjack</b><br><i>Quercus marilandica</i> , 1997        | 121                       | 72               | 49               | 205             | Barbour    | 2012                   | St. Emanuel Church - O<br>David Pittman - N                             |
| <b>OAK, Bluejack</b><br><i>Quercus incana</i> , 1994              | 65                        | 53               | 27               | 125             | Chilton    | 2012                   | Bobby Bearden - O<br>Glenn Barnett, Brian Smith &<br>Doug Link - N      |
| <b>OAK, Bluff</b><br><i>Quercus austrina</i> , 2000               | 96                        | 92               | 47               | 200             | Baldwin    | 2012                   | City of Daphne, Village Point - O<br>Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation - N |
| <b>OAK, Bur</b><br><i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> , 1990               | 112                       | 59               | 74               | 190             | Montgomery | 2012                   | Huntingdon College - O<br>Dr. Douglas T. McGinty - N                    |
| <b>OAK, Cherrybark</b><br><i>Quercus pagoda</i> , 1999            | 248                       | 115              | 144              | 399             | Bibb       | 2012                   | Joe Elliott, Jr. - O<br>Freddie L. Kornegay - N                         |

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| <b>OAK, Chestnut</b><br><i>Quercus prinus</i> , 1991          | 159                       | 125              | 80               | 304             | Marshall   | 2012                   | Lake Guntersville State Park - O<br>Linda Reynolds & John D. Moore - N    |
| <b>OAK, Chinkapin</b><br><i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i> , 2009  | 145                       | 109              | 111              | 282             | Lawrence   | 2014                   | Tennessee Valley Authority - O<br>Jack Paul - N                           |
| <b>OAK, Darlington</b><br><i>Quercus hemisphaerica</i> , 2009 | 243                       | 95               | 102              | 364             | Hale       | 2014                   | David & Christie Krystofiak - O<br>Tim Washburne - N                      |
| <b>OAK, Durand</b><br><i>Quercus durandii</i> , 2007 ★        | 162                       | 92               | 70               | 272             | Wilcox     | 2012                   | U. S. Army Corps of Engineers - O<br>Jason Ledbetter - N                  |
| <b>OAK, Laurel</b><br><i>Quercus laurifolia</i> , 2010        | 285                       | 95               | 127              | 412             | Marengo    | 2015                   | Mayton-Wilson Partnership - O<br>Kim Mayton - N                           |
| <b>OAK, Live</b><br><i>Quercus virginiana</i> , 1994          | 377                       | 60               | 118              | 467             | Mobile     | 2012                   | Paul Stanley - O, N   |
| <b>OAK, Myrtle</b><br><i>Quercus myrtifolia</i> , 2007 ◆      | 26                        | 35               | 30               | 69              | Baldwin    | 2012                   | Fort Morgan State Historic Site - O<br>Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation - N |
| <b>OAK, Northern Red</b><br><i>Quercus rubra</i> , 2009       | 127                       | 125              | 93               | 275             | Marion     | 2014                   | James Ross Markham, Sr. - O<br>Tony Avery - N                             |
| <b>OAK, Nuttall</b><br><i>Quercus nuttallii</i> , 2000        | 169                       | 100              | 94               | 293             | Madison    | 2012                   | Gerald Sumners - O, N   |
| <b>OAK, Overcup</b><br><i>Quercus lyrata</i> , 1984           | 247                       | 139              | 109              | 413             | Marengo    | 2012                   | Mrs. Corene Ernest - O<br>Randy & Scott Luker - N                         |
| <b>OAK, Post</b><br><i>Quercus stellata</i> , 2010            | 195                       | 88               | 79               | 303             | Montgomery | 2015                   | Peggy Phelps - O<br>Gerry Lash - N  |
| <b>OAK, Post</b><br><i>Quercus stellata</i> , 2010            | 194                       | 86               | 84               | 301             | Coosa      | 2015                   | James and Rose Clement - O<br>Roger Vines - N                             |
| <b>OAK, Sand Live</b><br><i>Quercus geminata</i> , 1998       | 185                       | 56               | 104              | 267             | Mobile     | 2012                   | Lotawanna Lambert - O<br>Richie Nell - N                                  |
| <b>OAK, Sand Post</b><br><i>Quercus margaretta</i> , 1982     | 106                       | 68               | 83               | 195             | Covington  | 2012                   | Solon Dixon Forestry Ed. Center - O<br>Dr. Harry Larsen - N               |
| <b>OAK, Sawtooth</b><br><i>Quercus acutissima</i> , 1997      | 90                        | 101              | 97               | 215             | Barbour    | 2012                   | Barbour Co. Wildlife Mgmt. Area - O<br>Dale Hurst - N                     |
| <b>OAK, Scarlet</b><br><i>Quercus coccinea</i> , 2009         | 108                       | 95               | 52               | 216             | Dallas     | 2014                   | James Shand - O<br>Dr. Thomas H. Wilson - N                               |
| <b>OAK, Shingle</b><br><i>Quercus imbricaria</i> , 2004       | 148                       | 90               | 92               | 261             | Lawrence   | 2012                   | Joe Wheeler State Park - O<br>Jack Paul - N                               |
| <b>OAK, Shumard</b><br><i>Quercus shumardii</i> , 2008        | 234                       | 90               | 117              | 353             | Bullock    | 2013                   | Phillip Pelham - O, N   |
| <b>OAK, Southern Red</b><br><i>Quercus falcata</i> , 1987     | 329                       | 73               | 106              | 429             | Pike       | 2012                   | Hunter J. Flack - O<br>Silas Bonner - N                                   |
| <b>OAK, Swamp Chestnut</b><br><i>Quercus michauxii</i> , 2007 | 282                       | 113              | 99               | 420             | Cleburne   | 2012                   | Cleburne County Road Dep't. - O<br>Jake Holloway - N                      |
| <b>OAK, Swamp White</b><br><i>Quercus bicolor</i> , 2007      | 119                       | 90               | 30               | 217             | Madison    | 2012                   | Goldsmith-Schiffman Wildlife<br>Sanctuary - O<br>Susan Weber - N          |

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| <b>OAK, Water</b><br><i>Quercus nigra</i> , 2003                   | 312                       | 64               | 94               | 400             | Montgomery | 2012                   | Hartley & Diane McLaney - O<br>Brent Gohring - N            |
| <b>OAK, White</b><br><i>Quercus alba</i> , 2003                    | 216                       | 115              | 118              | 361             | Montgomery | 2012                   | Robert Northcutt - O<br>James J. Willis, Jr. - N            |
| <b>OAK, Willow</b><br><i>Quercus phellos</i> , 2004                | 266                       | 108              | 120              | 404             | Marshall   | 2012                   | Mrs. Oliver Ross - O<br>John O. Ross & Paul Bishop - N      |
| <b>OSAGE-ORANGE</b><br><i>Maclura pomifera</i> , 1990              | 284                       | 88               | 67               | 389             | Greene     | 2012                   | Dr. David Partlow, Jr. - O<br>Patrick Waldrop - N           |
| <b>PAWPAW, Common</b><br><i>Asimina triloba</i> , 1997             | 30                        | 55               | 22               | 91              | Randolph   | 2012                   | Tim Coe - O<br>James Morris, Jr. - N                        |
| <b>PEAR, Common</b><br><i>Pyrus communis</i> , 2003                | 77                        | 56               | 25               | 139             | Chilton    | 2012                   | Isaac & Faye Britton - O<br>Glenn Barrett & Brian Smith - N |
| <b>PECAN</b><br><i>Carya illinoensis</i> , 1999                    | 228                       | 118              | 134              | 380             | Conecuh    | 2012                   | Juluin Bush - O<br>Mason McGowin - N                        |
| <b>PERSIMMON</b><br><i>Diospyros virginiana</i> , 2003             | 80                        | 122              | 47               | 214             | Lauderdale | 2012                   | David Pettus - O, N   |
| <b>PINE, Loblolly</b><br><i>Pinus taeda</i> , 1998                 | 169                       | 134              | 91               | 326             | Bullock    | 2012                   | Viea Taylor - O<br>John Ross & Scott Hartzog - N            |
| <b>PINE, Pond</b><br><i>Pinus serotina</i> , 2000                  | 98                        | 128              | 45               | 237             | Barbour    | 2012                   | Eugene West - O<br>John Ross - N                            |
| <b>PINE, Sand</b><br><i>Pinus clausa</i> , 2008                    | 60                        | 45               | 33               | 113             | Baldwin    | 2013                   | Bon Secour Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge - O<br>Chan West - N      |
| <b>PINE, Shortleaf</b><br><i>Pinus echinata</i> , 2008             | 129                       | 91               | 56               | 234             | Madison    | 2013                   | Buddy Darwin - O, N   |
| <b>PINE, Slash</b><br><i>Pinus elliottii</i> , 2010                | 95                        | 72               | 49               | 179             | Baldwin    | 2015                   | Bon Secour Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge - O<br>Chan West - N      |
| <b>PINE, Spruce</b><br><i>Pinus glabra</i> , 1996                  | 146                       | 125              | 91               | 294             | Russell    | 2012                   | George Watkins - O<br>David Boozer & Sharon Clark - N       |
| <b>PINE, Virginia</b><br><i>Pinus virginiana</i> , 2009            | 71                        | 93               | 31               | 172             | DeKalb     | 2014                   | DeSoto State Park - O<br>Jason Shelton - N                  |
| <b>PLUM, American</b><br><i>Prunus americana</i> , 2007            | 25                        | 23               | 21               | 53              | Elmore     | 2012                   | Ft. Toulouse Park - O<br>Lynn Justiss & Ned Jenkins - N     |
| <b>PLUM, Chickasaw</b><br><i>Prunus angustifolia</i> , 2007        | 19                        | 17               | 19               | 41              | Baldwin    | 2012                   | Alabama Dep't. Of Conservation - O<br>Maureen Nation - N    |
| <b>PLUM, Flatwoods</b><br><i>Prunus umbellata</i> , 2010           | 20                        | 22               | 25               | 48              | Baldwin    | 2015                   | Baldwin County - O<br>Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation - N    |
| <b>POSSUMHAW (HOLLY)</b><br><i>Ilex decidua</i> , 2007             | 46                        | 37               | 18               | 88              | Madison    | 2012                   | Hays Nature Preserve - O<br>Susan Weber - N                 |
| <b>PRIVET, Eastern Swamp</b><br><i>Forestiera acuminata</i> , 1995 | 19                        | 36               | 24               | 61              | Madison    | 2012                   | U.S. Army & TVA - O<br>Susan Weber - N                      |
| <b>REDBUD, Eastern</b><br><i>Cercis canadensis</i> , 2000          | 106                       | 28               | 42               | 145             | Limestone  | 2012                   | Walter Hardiman - O<br>Doug Ezzell - N                      |

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| <b>REDCEDAR, Eastern</b><br><i>Juniperus virginiana</i> , 1979     | 169                       | 51               | 30               | 228             | Wilcox     | 2012                   | Lou & John Harmon - O<br>William C. Carrigan - N                     |
| <b>REDCEDAR, Southern</b><br><i>Juniperus silicicola</i> , 2001    | 167                       | 50               | 45               | 228             | Baldwin    | 2012                   | Mr. & Mrs. John Ledbetter - O<br>Ken Richardson & Tom Ellis - N      |
| <b>SASSAFRAS</b><br><i>Sassafras albidum</i> , 1992                | 140                       | 67               | 36               | 216             | Dallas     | 2012                   | Sarah Petty Dagenhart - O<br>Larry Brooks - N                        |
| <b>SERVICEBERRY, Downy</b><br><i>Amelanchier arborea</i> , 2009    | 24                        | 40               | 18               | 69              | DeKalb     | 2014                   | DeSoto State Park - O<br>Jason Shelton - N                           |
| <b>SILVERBELL, Two-winged</b><br><i>Halesia diptera</i> , 1998 ★   | 40                        | 78               | 33               | 126             | Wilcox     | 2012                   | Tommy & Jeanell Lawler - O<br>Tommy Lawler - N                       |
| <b>SOURWOOD</b><br><i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i> , 2009               | 65                        | 87               | 39               | 162             | Marion     | 2014                   | James Ross Markham, Sr. - O<br>Josh Angel & Tony Avery - N           |
| <b>SPARKLEBERRY</b><br><i>Vaccinium arboreum</i> , 2007 ◆          | 47                        | 28               | 41               | 85              | Choctaw    | 2012                   | Earl Jenkins - O, N  |
| <b>SUGARBERRY</b><br><i>Celtis laevigata</i> , 1994 ★              | 221                       | 82               | 36               | 312             | Barbour    | 2012                   | Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge - O<br>Daniel J. Drennen - N        |
| <b>SUMAC, Staghorn</b><br><i>Rhus typhina</i> , 1980 ★             | 50                        | 57               | 41               | 117             | Tallapoosa | 2012                   | Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Gooden - O<br>Ted Kretschmann - N                   |
| <b>SWEETGUM</b><br><i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> , 1990           | 161                       | 75               | 66               | 253             | Coosa      | 2012                   | George Neighbors - O<br>Roger Vines - N                              |
| <b>SWEETLEAF</b><br><i>Symplocos tinctoria</i> , 2009              | 25                        | 63               | 20               | 93              | Marion     | 2014                   | Marshal W. Rea, Jimmy D. Rea<br>& Cherry Gregg - O<br>Tony Avery - N |
| <b>SYCAMORE</b><br><i>Platanus occidentalis</i> , 2010             | 182                       | 115              | 102              | 323             | Montgomery | 2015                   | Thomas Upchurch - O<br>Russell Stringer - N                          |
| <b>TUPELO, Swamp</b><br><i>Nyssa sylvatica var. biflora</i> , 2007 | 145                       | 104              | 53               | 262             | Limestone  | 2012                   | U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service - O<br>Susan Weber - N                 |
| <b>TUPELO, Water</b><br><i>Nyssa aquatica</i> , 2007               | 235                       | 107              | 80               | 362             | Madison    | 2012                   | City of Huntsville - O<br>Susan Weber - N                            |
| <b>WALNUT, Black</b><br><i>Juglans nigra</i> , 1973                | 189                       | 92               | 99               | 306             | Colbert    | 2012                   | City of Sheffield - O<br>B. F. Walden - N                            |
| <b>WILLOW, Black</b><br><i>Salix nigra</i> , 2009                  | 144                       | 74               | 66               | 235             | Perry      | 2014                   | James Essex - O<br>Dr. Thomas H. Wilson - N                          |
| <b>WITCH-HAZEL</b><br><i>Hamamelis virginiana</i> , 2001           | 12                        | 32               | 29               | 51              | Randolph   | 2012                   | Stan Roark - O, N  |
| <b>WITCH-HAZEL</b><br><i>Hamamelis virginiana</i> , 2001           | 14                        | 26               | 22               | 46              | Baldwin    | 2012                   | Bobby & Debbie Green - O<br>Bobby Green - N                          |
| <b>YELLOW-POPLAR</b><br><i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> , 1974      | 252                       | 153              | 73               | 423             | Lawrence   | 2012                   | U. S. Forest Service - O<br>W. E. Bustin - N                         |
| <b>YELLOWWOOD</b><br><i>Cladrastis kentukea</i> , 2010             | 28                        | 48               | 28               | 83              | Jackson    | 2015                   | Alabama Dep't. Of Conservation - O<br>Jason Shelton - N              |

## How to Measure a Tree and Determine Its Point Score

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**CIRCUMFERENCE** is measured at 4-½ feet above the ground when possible. If the tree is on a slope, the measurement is taken from the uphill side of the tree. If the tree forks at or below the 4-½ feet point, or if a bulge occurs at this point, take a measurement at a location lower on the trunk where the tree resumes its normal size or taper. Record the number of inches around the tree by using a tape measure. It is very important to make sure the tape measure is straight and pulled tight.

**TOTAL TREE HEIGHT** is the vertical distance from the ground's high point at the tree's base to the very top of the tree. A clinometer will be used to obtain the height.

**CROWN SPREAD** is to be reported as the average distance from one side of the tree's crown to the other as measured through the center of the tree. Two measurements of the crown spread are taken and recorded (in feet), at right angles to one another. The first is the widest crown spread, which is the greatest distance between any two points along the drip line of the tree. (The drip line is the outline on the ground of the outermost leaves of the crown). Once the widest spread has been found, turn the axis of measurement 90 degrees and measure the crown spread. The two crown spreads are averaged together.

**TOTAL POINT SCORE** is determined by using the formula developed by *American Forests* for its Big Tree Program. This formula is: tree circumference (inches), + tree height (feet), + ¼ crown spread (feet).