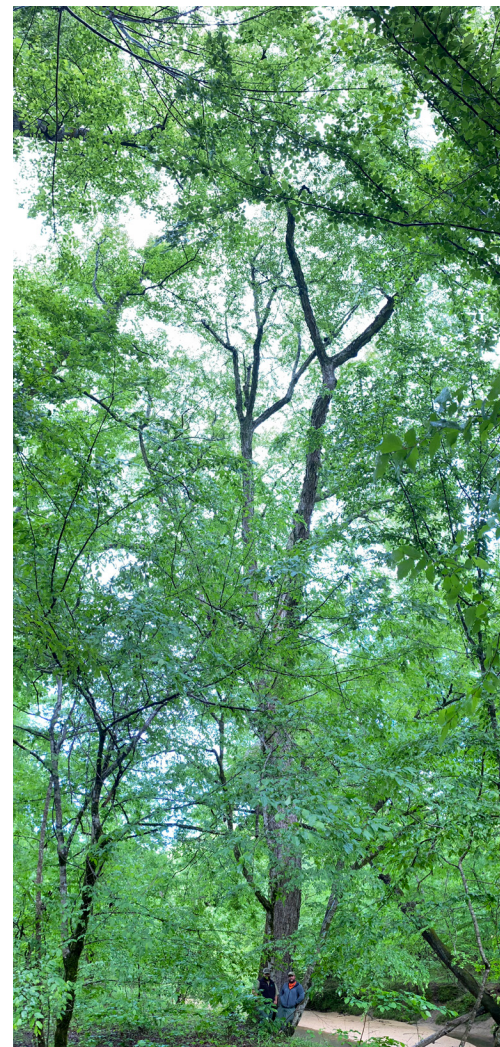
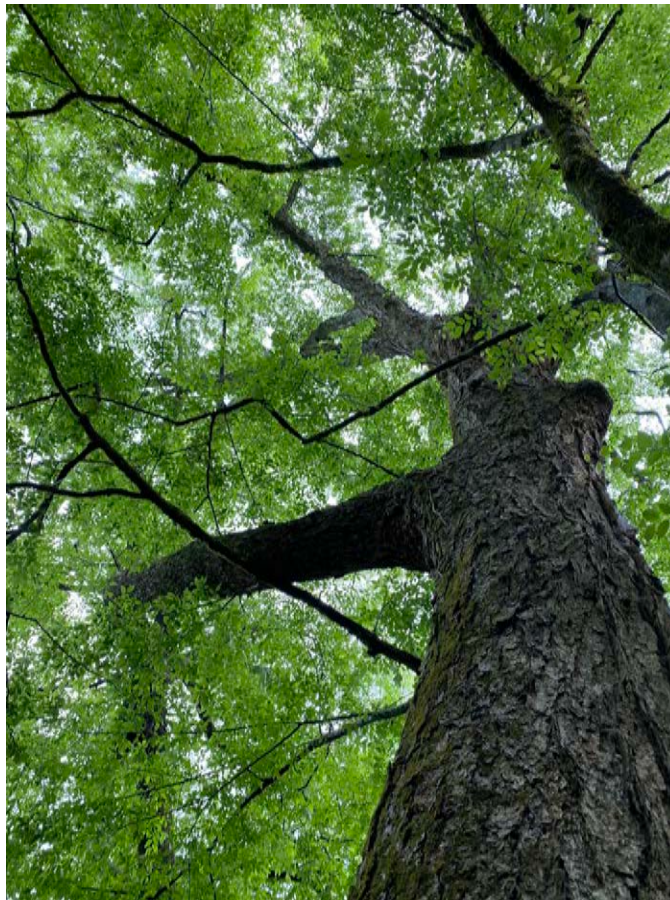




The Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC) honors the largest native or naturalized tree of each species in Alabama through the Alabama Champion Tree Program. The program began in 1970, when 28 champion trees were identified. For 2024, eleven of our 141 champion trees are newly crowned. Those 141 trees represent 130 distinct species in 48 of our 67 counties. Once a champion tree is identified, its owner and nominator each receive a certificate and the owner receives a sign to place near the tree. While the locations of champion trees on private lands are not available, locations of champion trees on public lands can be requested from the Alabama Champion Tree Coordinator.

To be eligible for nomination as an Alabama champion, a tree must:

1. not be a shrub (a single, woody stem at least 13' tall)
2. have a circumference of at least 16" when measured 4.5' above the ground
3. not be poisonous or hazardous
4. be native or naturalized in Alabama (a "naturalized" tree is a tree species not native to Alabama that has established itself in the wild, reproducing and spreading naturally)
5. not be considered "invasive" by the Alabama Invasive Plant Council

All eligible species are found in a drop-down list on the AFC online nomination form found [here](#). Anyone may, with the owner's permission, nominate a tree as a Champion Tree by completing the on-line nomination form. There is also a calculator on the AFC website for anyone to estimate a tree's score (AFC staff is responsible for official measurements). Nominations must be received no later than June 1st to be considered for the current calendar year. Nominees are considered regardless of age or history.

The AFC uses the **National Champion Tree** formula to determine the total points allocated to a tree. A tree's total point score is determined by awarding 1 point per inch of circumference, 1 point per foot of height, and ¼ point per foot of crown spread. Instructions for using this formula can be found on the final page of this publication. If the largest trees of a species score under 100 points, trees will be crowned co-Champions if they are within 3 points of each other. For trees scoring over 100 points, trees scoring within 3% of each other will be co-Champions.

The URL for submitting an Alabama Champion Tree nomination is:
https://forestry.alabama.gov/Pages/Management/Champion_Tree.aspx

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ALDER , Hazel	<i>Alnus serrulata</i>	2023	27	25	25	58	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
ASH , Green	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	2000	194	92	80	306	Wilcox	Allyrae Wallace Educational Trust	Jesse Bell
ASH , White	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	2020	156	74	92	253	Shelby	Clay Holland	Charles Ford
BASSWOOD	<i>Tilia spp.</i>	2021	112	132	56	258	Etowah	Brasher Nature Preserve	John L. Brasher
BASSWOOD	<i>Tilia spp.</i>	2016	128	113	62	256	Madison	City of Huntsville	Susan Weber
BAY , Red	<i>Tamala borbonia</i>	2023	25	58	25	89	Washington	Wiley Schell	Wiley Schell
BEECH , American	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	2024	154	136	90	312	Tallapoosa	Horseshoe Bend National Military Park	Matthew Robinson
BIRCH , River	<i>Betula nigra</i>	2024	126	127	89	275	Tallapoosa	Kellum Resources, LLC	Matthew Kaynard
BIRCH , Sweet	<i>Betula lenta</i>	2021	44	69	20	118	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
BOX ELDER	<i>Acer negundo</i>	2020	121	65	68	203	Walker	Bill Tucker	Bill Tucker
BUCKEYE , Red	<i>Aesculus pavia</i>	2015	20	48	18	72	Cherokee	Paul Rogers	Keith Niedermeier
BUCKEYE , Yellow	<i>Aesculus flava</i>	1994	101	107	26	214	Madison	City of Huntsville	Susan Weber
BUMELIA , Gum	<i>Sideroxylon lanuginosum</i>	1994	63	43	41	116	Blount	Joe Spradlin	Bob G. Winters
BUTTERNUT	<i>Juglans cinerea</i>	2011	126	66	74	210	Jackson	Darryl & Donna Lawson McClelland	Jason Shelton
CATALPA , Southern	<i>Catalpa bignonioides</i>	2020	209	60	59	283	Calhoun	Development Authority	John McBride
CEDAR , Atlantic White	<i>Chamaecyparis thyoides</i>	2020	103	81	32	192	Baldwin	Aaron & Charity Barnhart	Gena Todia
CHERRY , Alabama Black	<i>Prunus alabamensis</i>	2011	44	59	38	112	Tuscaloosa	University of Alabama	Dexter Duren
CHERRY , Black	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	2009	161	62	79	242	Madison	Joyce Rutland	Doug Chapman
CHERRY , Carolina Laurel	<i>Prunus caroliniana</i>	2020	82	36	37	127	Elmore	Steve Albritton	Steve Albritton
CHESTNUT , American	<i>Castanea dentata</i>	2024	50	57	42	117	Cleburne	Wheeler Whitock	Wheeler Whitock

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CHESTNUT , Chinese	<i>Castanea mollissima</i>	1998	156	68	68	241	Coosa	George & Ronnie Zak	Blake Kelley
CHINKAPIN , Allegheny	<i>Castanea pumila</i>	2021	24	48	40	82	Etowah	John L. Brasher	John L. Brasher
COTTONWOOD , Eastern	<i>Populus deltoides</i>	2011	154	132	78	305	Chambers	Glenn Osborn	Fred & Lavonia Osborn
COTTONWOOD , Swamp	<i>Populus heterophylla</i>	2010	81	69	44	161	Baldwin	Vermelle McDill	Joseph Donnelly
CRABAPPLE , Southern	<i>Malus angustifolia</i>	2002	66	31	30	104	Montgomery	Silas Bonner	Brent Gohring
CRAPE MYRTLE	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	2022	78	41	45	130	Mobile	Michael & Melodie Mastro	Michael & Melodie Mastro
CYPRESS , Pond	<i>Taxodium ascendens</i>	2013	131	87	46	229	Mobile	State of Alabama	Gena Todia & Fred Nation
CYPRESS , Southern Bald	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	2020	423	105	43	538	Clarke	MRSD LLC	Charlie Baucom, Earl Fleming, Gena Todia
CYRILLA , Swamp	<i>Cyrilla racemiflora</i>	2023	19	40	22	64	Washington	Wiley Schell	Wiley Schell
DEVILWOOD	<i>Cartrema americana</i>	2023	28	55	32	91	Washington	Wiley Schell	Wiley Schell
DOGWOOD , Flowering	<i>Cornus florida</i>	2009	91	56	64	163	Cleburne	Jeff & Nicki Swindle	Glenn Berry
ELM , American	<i>Ulmus americana</i>	2008	207	92	65	315	Walker	Diane Cheatham	Paul Kennedy & Dan Jackson
ELM , September	<i>Ulmus serotina</i>	2011	68	96	76	183	Lauderdale	Joe Wheeler State Park	Jason Shelton
ELM , Slippery	<i>Ulmus rubra</i>	2021	45	71	54	129	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
ELM , Winged	<i>Ulmus alata</i>	1997	107	55	52	175	Wilcox	Kinley Bell	Paul Wingard
HAWTHORN , Littlehip	<i>Crataegus spathulata</i>	2009	15	22	16	41	DeKalb	DeSoto State Park	Jason Shelton
HEMLOCK , Eastern	<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	1992	152	120	25	278	Winston	USDA Forest Service	Robert Taylor
HERCULES' CLUB	<i>Zanthoxylum clava-herculis</i>	2007	43	44	30	94	Dallas	Dawne & Heather Shand	Dr. Thomas H. Wilson
HICKORY , Bitternut	<i>Carya cordiformis</i>	2023	165	146	93	334	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger

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HICKORY, Carolina	<i>Carya carolinae-septentrionalis</i>	2021	106	140	71	263	Etowah	John L. Brasher	John L. Brasher
HICKORY, Common Shagbark	<i>Carya ovata</i>	2023	108	149	77	276	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
HICKORY, Mockernut	<i>Carya tomentosa</i>	2014	110	130	100	265	Coosa	John T Goff Family, LLC	John Goff
HICKORY, Nutmeg	<i>Carya myristiciformis</i>	2024	98	97	67	211	Sumter	Mitchell Bell	John Michael Kelley
HICKORY, Pignut	<i>Carya glabra</i>	2020	119	100	70	236	Randolph	Bonnie Sue Knight	Gerry Knight
HICKORY, Sand	<i>Carya pallida</i>	2023	125	107	84	253	Houston	Forever Wild of Alabama	Kim Meeker
HICKORY, Sand	<i>Carya pallida</i>	2023	116	113	88	251	Lamar	William Robert & Melissa Cole	Bobby Cole
HICKORY, Shellbark	<i>Carya laciniosa</i>	2007	102	113	68	232	Madison	City of Huntsville	Susan Weber
HICKORY, Water	<i>Carya aquatica</i>	2001	152	136	78	307	Baldwin	State of Alabama	Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation
HOLLY, Dahoon	<i>Ilex cassine</i>	2021	58	55	37	122	Baldwin	Maggie Lacey	Maggie Lacey
HOPHORNBEAM	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	2022	36	40	36	85	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
HOPTREE	<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	2011	17	21	18	42	Jackson	Nature Conservancy	Jason Shelton
HORNBEAM, American	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	2022	51	51	48	114	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
LOBLOLLY-BAY	<i>Gordonia lasianthus</i>	2020	59	74	29	140	Baldwin	Aaron & Charity Barnhart	Gena Todia
LOCUST, Black	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	1995	95	102	27	203	Madison	Sidney & Elaine White	Susan Weber
LOCUST, Honey	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	2009	98	115	73	231	Talladega	HTFF REIT INC	John Goff & Travis Ford
MAGNOLIA, Bigleaf	<i>Magnolia macrophylla</i>	2023	54	90	25	150	Tuscaloosa	Dwight & Carol Lammon	Dwight & Carol Lammon
MAGNOLIA, Cucumber	<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>	1993	147	138	58	299	Madison	City of Huntsville	Susan Weber & Layne Vaughan

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MAGNOLIA , Fraser	<i>Magnolia fraseri</i>	2023	37	80	34	125	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
MAGNOLIA , Pyramid	<i>Magnolia pyramidata</i>	2011	49	103	30	159	Wilcox	Tommy Lawler	Tommy Lawler
MAGNOLIA , Southern	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	2023	292	70	72	380	Tuscaloosa	University of Alabama	Robert Ireland
MAGNOLIA , Sweetbay	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	2024	154	90	54	257	Baldwin	Redmon Enterprises LLC	Perry Lamb
MAGNOLIA , Umbrella	<i>Magnolia tripetala</i>	2021	31	59	15	93	Calhoun	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
MAPLE , Chalk	<i>Acer leucoderme</i>	2008	43	43	43	96	Wilcox	Tommy & Jeanell Lawler	Wayne Webb
MAPLE , Florida	<i>Acer floridanum</i>	2021	86	90	67	192	Etowah	John L. Brasher	John L. Brasher
MAPLE , Red	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	2023	98	125	64	239	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Katie Wiswall
MAPLE , Silver	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>	2021	148	101	92	272	Etowah	Kenneth Coker	Jacob Coker
MAPLE , Sugar	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	2016	97	78	70	192	Madison	Susan Weber	Susan Weber
MAYHAW	<i>Crataegus aestivalis</i>	2007	31	24	29	62	Baldwin	F. E. Little	Jason Shelton
MULBERRY , Red	<i>Morus rubra</i>	2009	268	44	48	324	Choctaw	Louise Scruggs Johnson	Lorenzo Johnson
OAK , Arkansas	<i>Quercus arkansana</i>	1991	50	53	37	112	Autauga	John C. Pirtle	Tom Lang
OAK , Black	<i>Quercus velutina</i>	2017	227	147	110	401	Bullock	David Allen	David Allen
OAK , Blackjack	<i>Quercus marilandica</i>	2020	105	84	84	210	Walker	Louis Hall	Chris Wright
OAK , Bluff	<i>Quercus austrina</i>	2000	101	97	57	212	Baldwin	City of Daphne	Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation
OAK , Bur	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	1990	122	61	91	205	Montgomery	Huntingdon College	Dr. Douglas T. McGinty
OAK , Cherrybark	<i>Quercus pagoda</i>	2020	240	156	131	428	Wilcox	W. R. Phillippi	Ben Etheridge
OAK , Chestnut	<i>Quercus montana</i>	2023	128	147	87	296	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
OAK , Chinkapin	<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	2011	152	132	101	309	Lauderdale	Joe Wheeler State Park	Jason Shelton
OAK , Darlington	<i>Quercus hemisphaerica</i>	2024	196	99	87	316	Russell	Fort Mitchell Historic Commission	Jennifer Davidson

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OAK, Durand	<i>Quercus durandii</i>	2020	180	90	95	294	Greene	Bethany Holdings	Steve Gardiner
OAK, Durand	<i>Quercus durandii</i>	2007	184	111	68	312	Wilcox	US Army Corps of Engineers	Jason Ledbetter
OAK, Georgia	<i>Quercus georgiana</i>	2014	45	52	38	106	Lee	Auburn University	Patrick Thompson
OAK, Laurel	<i>Quercus laurifolia</i>	2023	303	95	143	433	Butler	James & Virginia Foster	Jesse Davis
OAK, Laurel	<i>Quercus laurifolia</i>	2010	291	126	84	438	Marengo	Mayton-Wilson Partnership	Kim Mayton
OAK, Live	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	2013	367	73	133	473	Mobile	Sandy Howard	Donald E. Nelson
OAK, Myrtle	<i>Quercus myrtifolia</i>	2007	30	35	29	72	Baldwin	Fort Morgan Park	Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation
OAK, Northern Red	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	2021	140	136	71	293	Etowah	John L. Brasher	John L. Brasher
OAK, Nuttall	<i>Quercus texana</i>	2020	155	132	90	309	Clarke	MRSD LLC	Charlie Baucom, Earl Fleming, Gena Todia
OAK, Overcup	<i>Quercus lyrata</i>	2024	239	120	103	384	Hale	Alan Dennis	Alan Dennis
OAK, Post	<i>Quercus stellata</i>	2015	276	101	129	409	Colbert	Dale & Karen Smith	Karen Smith
OAK, Sand Live	<i>Quercus geminata</i>	2022	222	59	101	306	Baldwin	Jay and Vicky Gunn	Jay & Vicky Gunn
OAK, Sand Post	<i>Quercus margaretiae</i>	1982	104	64	47	179	Covington	Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center	Dr. Harry Larsen
OAK, Scarlet	<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	2011	185	112	98	321	Jackson	Michael & Mary Peebles	Jason Shelton
OAK, Shingle	<i>Quercus imbricaria</i>	2004	162	67	100	254	Lawrence	Joe Wheeler State Park	Jack Paul
OAK, Southern Red	<i>Quercus falcata</i>	2023	254	90	102	369	DeKalb	Jimmy Lyles	Clinton Wallston
OAK, Swamp Chestnut	<i>Quercus michauxii</i>	2007	298	115	122	443	Cleburne	Cleburne County	Jake Holloway
OAK, Swamp White	<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	2007	128	81	28	216	Madison	City of Huntsville	Susan Weber
OAK, Turkey	<i>Quercus laevis</i>	2022	70	70	47	151	Washington	Wiley Schell	Wiley Schell
OAK, Water	<i>Quercus nigra</i>	2012	276	102	122	408	Montgomery	Kirk McKeen	Katie McKeen
OAK, White	<i>Quercus alba</i>	2013	282	112	65	410	Colbert	Jeff Mitchell	Darryl Rutland

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OAK, Willow	<i>Quercus phellos</i>	2021	224	119	112	371	Cleburne	Terry McLeroy	Terry McLeroy
OAK, Willow	<i>Quercus phellos</i>	2024	231	114	129	377	Perry	Mary Elizabeth Glass	Elliott Glass
OSAGE-ORANGE	<i>Maclura pomifera</i>	2012	249	61	52	323	Sumter	Don Ward	Eleanor Ward
PAWPAW, Common	<i>Asimina triloba</i>	1997	32	53	14	88	Randolph	Tim Coe	James Morris, Jr.
PEAR, Common	<i>Pyrus communis</i>	2003	132	58	50	202	Chilton	Isaac & Faye Britton	Glenn Barrett & Brian Smith
PECAN	<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	1999	240	125	134	398	Conecuh	Juluin Bush	Mason McGowin
PERSIMMON	<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	2003	84	122	45	217	Lauderdale	Marci Nell Pettus	City of Huntsville
PINE, Loblolly	<i>Pinus taeda</i>	2020	193	113	65	322	Morgan	Billy Miles	Billy Miles
PINE, Longleaf	<i>Pinus palustris</i>	2012	103	94	57	211	Baldwin	Marino Family Trust	Selena C. Vaughn
PINE, Longleaf	<i>Pinus palustris</i>	2023	101	96	39	206	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
PINE, Pond	<i>Pinus serotina</i>	2023	55	87	25	148	Pike	Troy University Arboretum	Alvin Diamond
PINE, Shortleaf	<i>Pinus echinata</i>	2008	135	93	55	241	Madison	Frances Darwin	Buddy Darwin
PINE, Slash	<i>Pinus elliottii</i>	2013	128	92	72	238	Mobile	State of Alabama	Gena Todia & Fred Nation
PINE, Virginia	<i>Pinus virginiana</i>	2021	68	95	29	170	Calhoun	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
PINE, Virginia	<i>Pinus virginiana</i>	2021	73	92	40	175	Cleburne	Bobby Nowland	Bobby Nowland
PLUM, American	<i>Prunus americana</i>	2021	23	24	27	53	Etowah	The Nature Conservancy	John L. Brasher
RED CEDAR, Eastern	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i> , var. <i>virginiana</i>	1975	188	54	35	250	Wilcox	Lou & John Harmon	William C. Carrigan
RED CEDAR, Southern	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i> , var. <i>silicicola</i>	2001	175	59	76	253	Baldwin	Mr. & Mrs. John Ledbetter	Ken Richardson & Tom Ellis
SASSAFRAS	<i>Sassafras albidum</i>	2020	162	47	57	223	Madison	City of Huntsville	Ken Dunn
SERVICEBERRY, Downy	<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	2022	29	45	28	81	Washington	Wiley Schell	Wiley Schell
SERVICEBERRY, Downy	<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	2023	38	35	41	83	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger

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SILVERBELL, Carolina	<i>Halesia carolina</i>	2011	47	66	36	122	Randolph	Cynthia Burns Rothstein	Charles Wise & Ryan Prince
SILVERBELL, Two-winged	<i>Halesia diptera</i>	1998	45	48	25	99	Wilcox	Tommy & Jeanelle Lawler	Tommy Lawler
SMOKETREE, American	<i>Cotinus obovatus</i>	2010	66	60	49	138	Madison	Carol Rampey	Melody Stewart
SOURWOOD	<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>	2023	56	86	26	148	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
SPARKLEBERRY	<i>Vaccinium arboreum</i>	2007	54	22	43	86	Choctaw	Earl Jenkins	Earl Jenkins
SUMAC, Smooth	<i>Rhus glabra</i>	2023	41	60	31	108	Cleburne	Cleburne County	Adam Dasinger
SUMAC, Winged	<i>Rhus copallinum</i>	2016	26	57	20	88	Cleburne	Adam Dasinger	Adam Dasinger
SWEETGUM	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	2023	128	129	65	273	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
SWEETGUM	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	2024	148	105	84	274	Cherokee	Steve Tucker	Mike Moore
SWEETLEAF	<i>Symplocos tinctoria</i>	2023	39	60	28	106	Washington	Wiley Schell	Wiley Schell
SYCAMORE	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	2021	217	141	88	380	Madison	Steven Jacobs	Steven Jacobs
TUPELO, Black	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	1988	134	107	54	254	Elmore	Joseph Collins	Jill Browning
TUPELO, Black	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	2024	145	95	64	256	Lauderdale	Mike and Pam DesRuisseaux	Kyler Barnett
TUPELO, Swamp	<i>Nyssa biflora</i>	2024	68	93	35	169	Coffee	Adam Dasinger	Adam Dasinger
TUPELO, Water	<i>Nyssa aquatica</i>	2007	251	112	55	376	Madison	City of Huntsville	Susan Weber
WALNUT, Black	<i>Juglans nigra</i>	1973	211	99	99	334	Colbert	City of Sheffield	B. F. Walden
WILLOW, Black	<i>Salix nigra</i>	2023	34	32	27	72	Cherokee	Michael Morgan	Michael R Morgan
WITCH-HAZEL	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	2023	22	16	31	45	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
YAUPON	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	2020	12	13	9	27	Sumter	Cory Sly	Cory Sly
YELLOW-POPLAR	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	1974	263	172	102	460	Lawrence	USDA Forest Service	W. E. Bustin
YELLOWWOOD	<i>Cladrastis kentukea</i>	2014	70	88	35	166	Monroe	US Army Corps of Engineers	Wayne Webb

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Colbert 3

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Conecuh 1

PECAN

Coosa 2

CHESTNUT, Chinese
HICKORY, Mockernut

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HAWTHORN, Littlehip
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Elmore 2

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Hale 1

OAK, Overcup

Houston 1

HICKORY, Sand

2024 CHAMPION TREES BY COUNTY

Jackson 3

BUTTERNUT
HOPTREE
OAK, Scarlet

Lamar 1

HICKORY, Sand

Lauderdale 4

ELM, September
OAK, Chinkapin
PERSIMMON
TUPELO, Black

Lawrence 2

OAK, Shingle
YELLOW-POPLAR

Lee 1

OAK, Georgia

Madison 13

AMERICAN SMOKETREE
BASSWOOD
BUCKEYE, Yellow
CHERRY, Black
HICKORY, Shellbark
LOCUST, Black
MAGNOLIA, Cucumber
MAPLE, Sugar
OAK, Swamp White
PINE, Shortleaf
SASSAFRAS
SYCAMORE
TUPELO, Water

Marengo 1

OAK, Laurel

Mobile 4

CYPRESS, Pond
OAK, Live
PINE, Slash
CRAPE MYRTLE

Monroe 1

YELLOWWOOD

Montgomery 3

CRABAPPLE, Southern
OAK, Bur
OAK, Water

Morgan 1

PINE, Loblolly

Perry 1

OAK, Willow

Pike 1

PINE, Pond

Randolph 3

HICKORY, Pignut
PAWPAW, Common
SILVERBELL, Carolina

Russell 1

OAK, Darlington

Shelby 1

ASH, White

Sumter 3

HICKORY, Nutmeg
OSAGE-ORANGE
YAUPON

Talladega 1

LOCUST, Honey

Tallapoosa 2

BEECH, American
BIRCH, River

Tuscaloosa 3

CHERRY, Alabama Black
MAGNOLIA, Bigleaf
MAGNOLIA, Southern

Walker 3

BOXELDER
ELM, American
OAK, Blackjack

Washington 6

BAY, Red
CYRILLA, Swamp
DEVILWOOD
OAK, Turkey
SERVICEBERRY, DOWNY
SWEETLEAF

Wilcox 8

ASH, Green
ELM, Winged
MAGNOLIA, Pyramid
MAPLE, Chalk
OAK, Cherrybark
OAK, Durand
REDCEDAR, Eastern
SILVERBELL, Two-winged

Winston 1

HEMLOCK, Eastern

How to Measure a Tree and Determine Its Point Score

CIRCUMFERENCE is measured at 4½ feet above the ground when possible. If the tree is on a slope, the measurement is taken from the mid-slope side of the tree. If the tree forks at or below 4½ feet, 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.

To be considered a single tree, the specimen must have a single trunk (pith) at some point above ground. In the case of inosculated trees (trees that have fused together over time) only the largest stem will be measured, not the entire portion of the inosculated tree.

TOTAL TREE HEIGHT is the vertical distance from the ground at the tree's base (at the mid-slope if the ground is not flat) to the very top of the tree. A clinometer will be used to obtain the height.

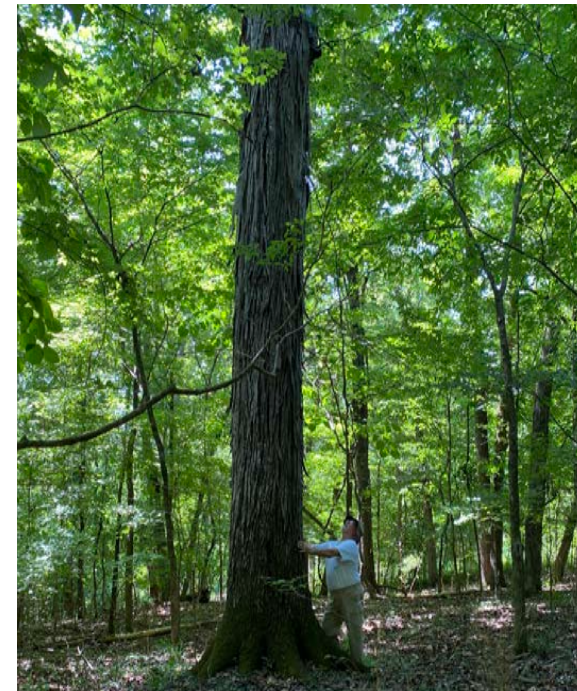
CROWN SPREAD is to be reported as the average distance from one side of the tree's crown to the other. Two measurements of the crown spread are taken at right angles to one another and recorded (in feet). The first is the widest crown spread, which is the greatest distance between any two points along 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 Champion Tree Program. This formula is: tree circumference (inches) + tree height (feet) + ¼ crown spread (feet) = total points.

For more detailed information on measuring trees, see the American Forests website:

<https://www.americanforests.org/champion-trees/how-to-nominate-a-tree/>

Please note – American Forests is no longer hosting the National Champion Tree program so this link may “break” at any point. You may contact katie.wiswall@forestry.alabama.gov for a copy of the most-recent measuring handbook should you be unable to find the information archived on the American Forests website.



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