

# Champion Trees Of Alabama 2020



Carter Etheridge by the Phillippi  
Cherrybark Oak, a new 2020 Champion  
Tree in Wilcox County.



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'* Champion 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 152 champion trees found in 49 of Alabama's 67 counties. Once a champion tree 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?

The Champion Tree Program 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 of a species that is recognized as being non-poisonous, non-hazardous, and native or naturalized in Alabama. A "naturalized" tree is a tree species brought in from outside Alabama that has established itself in the wild; reproducing naturally and spreading. **However, trees of 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 instead of a shrub. The AFC, with the aid of Dr. Nancy Loewenstein, Auburn University, has developed a list of eligible species. If a nominator is uncertain that a species is eligible, they should contact Dale Dickens, Champion Tree Coordinator, at [dale.dickens@forestry.alabama.gov](mailto:dale.dickens@forestry.alabama.gov).

The AFC uses a formula developed by *American Forests* to determine the total points allocated to a tree. A tree's total point score is determined by adding 1 point per inch of circumference, 1 point per foot of height, and ¼ point for each foot of crown spread. Instructions for using this formula can be found on page 12 of this publication. **If the largest trees of a species are under 100 total points, trees will be crowned Co-Champion Trees if they are within 3 total points of each other. If the largest trees of a species are over 100 points, they will be Co-Champions Trees if the differential between them is no more than 3% of the larger tree's total points.**

## Who Can Nominate a Champion Tree and How?

Anyone can nominate a tree for the Champion Tree 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. Currently, 5 of Alabama's champion trees are also national champions or co-national champions. See them at <https://www.americanforests.org/AL>

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|---|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|------------------------|--|
| <b>ALDER, Hazel</b><br><i>Alnus serrulata</i> , 2013            | 15                        | 36               | 18               | 56              | Talladega  | 2018                   | Allen McBride - O<br>John McBride - N                                  |
| <b>AMERICAN SMOKETREE</b><br><i>Cotinus obovatu</i> , 2010      | 61                        | 64               | 38               | 135             | Madison    | 2021                   | Carol Rampey - O<br>Melody Stewart - N                                 |
| <b>APPLE, Southern crab</b><br><i>Malus angustifolia</i> , 2002 | 59                        | 39               | 27               | 105             | Montgomery | 2017                   | Silas Bonner - O<br>Brent Gohring - N                                  |
| <b>ASH, Blue</b><br><i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i> , 2012        | 84                        | 80               | 41               | 174             | Jackson    | 2017                   | National Park Service - O<br>Jason Shelton - N                         |
| <b>ASH, Green</b><br><i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i> , 2000       | 177                       | 88               | 84               | 286             | Wilcox     | 2018                   | Allyrae Wallace Educational Trust - O<br>Jesse Bell - N                |
| <b>ASH, White</b><br><i>Fraxinus americana</i> , 2020           | 156                       | 74               | 92               | 253             | Shelby     | 2025                   | Clay Holland - O<br>Charles Ford - N                                   |
| <b>BALDCYPRESS</b><br><i>Taxodium distichum</i> , 1989          | 326                       | 112              | 56               | 452             | Baldwin    | 2016                   | AL Dep't. of Conservation - O<br>Michael Jordon & John Martin - N      |
| <b>BASSWOOD</b><br><i>Tilia spp.</i> , 2016                     | 131                       | 115              | 52               | 259             | Madison    | 2021                   | City of Huntsville-O<br>Susan Weber- N                                 |
| <b>BAYBERRY, Odorless</b> ★<br><i>Morella inodora</i> , 2000    | 15                        | 27               | 16               | 46              | Baldwin    | 2016                   | City of Daphne-Village Point - O<br>Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation – N |
| <b>BEECH, American</b><br><i>Fagus grandifolia</i> , 2015       | 114                       | 131              | 74               | 264             | Autauga    | 2020                   | City of Prattville – O<br>Deven Peek - N                               |
| <b>BEECH, American</b><br><i>Fagus grandifolia</i> , 2013       | 132                       | 110              | 83               | 263             | Jackson    | 2018                   | C. John Brewer - O, N  |
| <b>BEECH, American</b><br><i>Fagus grandifolia</i> , 2003       | 143                       | 101              | 56               | 258             | Autauga    | 2018                   | Cary McDaniel - O, N   |
| <b>BIRCH, River</b><br><i>Betula nigra</i> , 2014               | 100                       | 92               | 73               | 210             | Lee        | 2019                   | Michael Murray - O<br>Patrick Thompson - N                             |
| <b>BIRCH, Sweet</b><br><i>Betula lenta</i> , 2008               | 53                        | 54               | 31               | 115             | DeKalb     | 2018                   | DeSoto State Park - O<br>Jason Shelton - N                             |
| <b>BLACKGUM</b><br><i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> , 1988                | 128                       | 108              | 49               | 248             | Elmore     | 2017                   | Joseph Collins - O<br>Jill Browning - N                                |
| <b>BUCKEYE, Red</b><br><i>Aesculus pavia</i> , 2015             | 19                        | 36               | 15               | 59              | Cherokee   | 2020                   | Paul Rogers - O<br>Keith Niedermeier - N                               |
| <b>BUCKEYE, Yellow</b><br><i>Aesculus octandra</i> , 1994       | 98                        | 108              | 39               | 216             | Madison    | 2021                   | City of Huntsville - O<br>Susan Weber - N                              |
| <b>BUCKTHORN, Carolina</b><br><i>Rhamnus caroliniana</i> , 2012 | 12                        | 42               | 13               | 57              | Talladega  | 2017                   | Camp Mac - O<br>John McBride - N                                       |
| <b>BUMELIA, Buckthorn</b><br><i>Bumelia lycioides</i> , 2011    | 21                        | 31               | 28               | 59              | Lauderdale | 2021                   | Joe Wheeler State Park - O<br>Jason Shelton - N                        |
| <b>BUMELIA, Gum</b><br><i>Bumelia lanuginosa</i> , 1994         | 51                        | 45               | 34               | 105             | Blount     | 2017                   | Marvin & Barbara Whited - O<br>Bob G. Winters - N                      |
| <b>BUTTERNUT</b><br><i>Juglans cinerea</i> , 2011               | 111                       | 63               | 71               | 192             | Jackson    | 2021                   | Daryl & Donna Lawson - O<br>Jason Shelton – N                          |

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| <b>CATALPA, Southern</b><br><i>Catalpa bignonioides</i> , 2020     | 209                       | 60               | 59               | 284             | Calhoun    | 2025                   | McClellan Development Authority, O<br>John McBride, N   |
| <b>CEDAR, Atlantic White</b><br><i>Chameacyparis thyoides</i> 2020 | 103                       | 81               | 32               | 192             | Baldwin    | 2025                   | Aaron & Charity Barnhart, O<br>Gena Todia, N            |
| <b>CHERRY, Alabama black</b> ★<br><i>Prunus alabamensis</i> , 2011 | 40                        | 60               | 40               | 110             | Tuscaloosa | 2016                   | University of Alabama - O<br>Dexter Duren - N           |
| <b>CHERRY, Black</b><br><i>Prunus serotina</i> , 2009              | 147                       | 79               | 79               | 246             | Madison    | 2019                   | Roger Everett & Joyce Rutland - O<br>Doug Chapman - N   |
| <b>CHERRY, Carolina Laurel</b><br><i>Prunus caroliniana</i> , 2020 | 82                        | 36               | 37               | 127             | Elmore     | 2025                   | Steve Albritton, O & N                                  |
| <b>CHESTNUT, Chinese</b><br><i>Castanea mollissima</i> , 1998      | 138                       | 65               | 77               | 222             | Coosa      | 2017                   | George & Ronnie Zak - O<br>Blake Kelley - N             |
| <b>CHINKAPIN, Allegheny</b><br><i>Castanea pumila</i> , 2011       | 13                        | 26               | 16               | 43              | Winston    | 2021                   | U. S. Forest Service - O<br>Jason Shelton - N           |
| <b>COTTONWOOD, Eastern</b><br><i>Populus deltoides</i> , 2011      | 146                       | 121              | 73               | 285             | Chambers   | 2016                   | Glenn Osborn - O<br>Fred & Lavonia Osborn - N           |
| <b>COTTONWOOD, Swamp</b><br><i>Populus heterophylla</i> , 2010     | 74                        | 61               | 41               | 145             | Baldwin    | 2016                   | Vermelle McDill - O<br>Joseph Donnelly - N              |
| <b>CRAPE MYRTLE</b><br><i>Lagerstroemia indica</i> , 2011          | 78                        | 43               | 33               | 129             | Wilcox     | 2016                   | Malcolm Smith - O, N                                    |
| <b>CYRILLA, Swamp</b><br><i>Cyrilla racemiflora</i> , 1996         | 43                        | 31               | 20               | 79              | Mobile     | 2018                   | University of Mobile - O<br>Patrick Waldrop - N         |
| <b>DEVILWOOD</b><br><i>Osmanthus americanus</i> , 2017             | 20                        | 53               | 15               | 77              | Coffee     | 2022                   | Adam Dasinger - O, N                                    |
| <b>DOGWOOD, Flowering</b><br><i>Cornus florida</i> , 2009          | 74                        | 48               | 59               | 137             | Cleburne   | 2019                   | Jeff & Nicki Swindle - O<br>Glenn Berry - N             |
| <b>ELM, American</b><br><i>Ulmus americana</i> , 2008              | 194                       | 92               | 84               | 307             | Walker     | 2018                   | Diane Cheatham - O<br>Paul Kennedy & Dan Jackson - N    |
| <b>ELM, September</b><br><i>Ulmus serotina</i> , 2011              | 62                        | 100              | 54               | 176             | Lauderdale | 2021                   | Joe Wheeler State Park - O<br>Jason Shelton - N         |
| <b>ELM, Water</b><br><i>Planera aquatica</i> , 1982                | 57                        | 60               | 39               | 127             | Covington  | 2018                   | Solon Dixon Forestry Center - O<br>Dr. Harry Larsen - N |
| <b>ELM, Winged</b><br><i>Ulmus alata</i> , 1997                    | 142                       | 85               | 74               | 246             | Wilcox     | 2018                   | Kinley Bell - O<br>Paul Wingard - N                     |
| <b>FRINGETREE</b><br><i>Chionanthus virginicus</i> , 2010          | 32                        | 18               | 25               | 55              | Tuscaloosa | 2020                   | Robert I. Jones - O<br>Dexter Duren - N                 |
| <b>HACKBERRY, Common</b><br><i>Celtis occidentalis</i> , 2009      | 189                       | 73               | 92               | 285             | Marshall   | 2019                   | John & Sue White - O<br>Sue White - N                   |
| <b>HAWTHORN, Dotted</b><br><i>Crataegus punctata</i> , 1994        | 13                        | 26               | 18               | 44              | Madison    | 2017                   | Harriot Ross Grable - O<br>Susan Weber - N              |
| <b>HAWTHORN, Littlehip</b><br><i>Crataegus spathulata</i> , 2009   | 14                        | 28               | 16               | 46              | DeKalb     | 2025                   | DeSoto State Park - O<br>Jason Shelton - N              |

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| <b>HEMLOCK, Eastern</b><br><i>Tsuga canadensis</i> , 1992                    | 155                    | 118           | 35            | 282          | Winston    | 2017                | U. S. Forest Service - O<br>Robert Taylor - N                           |
| <b>HERCULES' CLUB</b><br><i>Zanthoxylum clava-herculis</i> , 2005            | 33                     | 61            | 26            | 101          | Baldwin    | 2019                | Blakeley State Park - O<br>Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation - N           |
| <b>HICKORY, Bitternut</b><br><i>Carya cordiformis</i> , 2011                 | 70                     | 82            | 44            | 163          | Lauderdale | 2021                | Joe Wheeler State Park - O<br>Jason Shelton - N                         |
| <b>HICKORY, Carolina</b> ★<br><i>Carya caroliniae-septentrionalis</i> , 2014 | 94                     | 136           | 69            | 247          | Wilcox     | 2019                | Tommy & Jeanell Lawler - O<br>Wayne Webb - N                            |
| <b>HICKORY, Mockernut</b><br><i>Carya tomentosa</i> , 2014                   | 103                    | 114           | 62            | 233          | Coosa      | 2019                | John T. Goff Family LLC - O<br>John Goff - N                            |
| <b>HICKORY, Nutmeg</b><br><i>Carya myristiciformis</i> , 2009                | 73                     | 84            | 43            | 168          | Dallas     | 2019                | James Shand - O<br>Dr. Thomas H. Wilson - N                             |
| <b>HICKORY, Pignut</b><br><i>Carya glabra</i> , 2020                         | 119                    | 100           | 70            | 236          | Randolph   | 2025                | Bonnie Sue Knight- O<br>Gerry Knight- N                                 |
| <b>HICKORY, Red</b><br><i>Carya ovalis</i> , 2015                            | 128                    | 115           | 69            | 260          | Butler     | 2020                | State of Alabama – O<br>Wayne K. Webb - N                               |
| <b>HICKORY, Sand</b><br><i>Carya pallida</i> , 2011                          | 88                     | 82            | 23            | 178          | Cherokee   | 2021                | Cherokee Co. Parks & Rec Board O<br>Jason Shelton - N                   |
| <b>HICKORY, Shagbark</b><br><i>Carya ovata</i> , 2014                        | 94                     | 126           | 59            | 235          | Blount     | 2019                | Charles & Jamie LeCroy - O<br>Charles LeCroy - N                        |
| <b>HICKORY, Shagbark</b><br><i>Carya ovata</i> , 2008                        | 96                     | 117           | 64            | 229          | Etowah     | 2018                | Scott Morris - O, N   |
| <b>HICKORY, Shellbark</b><br><i>Carya laciniosa</i> , 2007                   | 102                    | 112           | 90            | 237          | Madison    | 2017                | City of Huntsville Hays Nature Preserve O<br>Susan Weber - N            |
| <b>HICKORY, Water</b><br><i>Carya aquatica</i> , 2001                        | 152                    | 136           | 78            | 308          | Baldwin    | 2016                | State of Alabama Forever Wild - O<br>Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation - N |
| <b>HOLLY, American</b><br><i>Ilex opaca</i> , 1987                           | 126                    | 55            | 45            | 192          | Chambers   | 2017                | Norbord, Inc. - O<br>Jeff Abney – N                                     |
| <b>HOLLY, Dahoon</b><br><i>Ilex cassine</i> , 2015                           | 58                     | 37            | 33            | 103          | Baldwin    | 2020                | U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – O<br>Chan West - N                       |
| <b>HOPTREE</b><br><i>Ptelea trifoliata</i> , 2011                            | 17                     | 21            | 18            | 43           | Jackson    | 2021                | The Nature Conservancy - O<br>Jason Shelton - N                         |
| <b>HORNBEAM, American</b><br><i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> , 2012              | 45                     | 61            | 46            | 118          | Talladega  | 2017                | Margery B. McBride - O<br>John McBride – N                              |
| <b>LOBLOLLY-BAY</b><br><i>Gordonia lasianthus</i> , 2020                     | 59                     | 74            | 29            | 140.         | Baldwin    | 2025                | Aaron & Charity Barnhart, O<br>Gena Todia – N                           |
| <b>LOCUST, Black</b><br><i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> , 1995                   | 95                     | 102           | 27            | 204          | Madison    | 2017                | Sydney & Elaine White - O<br>Susan Weber - N                            |
| <b>LOCUST, Honey</b><br><i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> , 2009                  | 94                     | 114           | 58            | 223          | Talladega  | 2019                | Headwaters Investments Corp. - O<br>John Goff & Travis Ford – N         |
| <b>MAGNOLIA, Bigleaf</b><br><i>Magnolia macrophylla</i> , 2017               | 39                     | 65            | 38            | 114          | Madison    | 2022                | Anthony and Tamara Carlisle- O, N                                       |



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| <b>MAGNOLIA, Cucumber</b><br><i>Magnolia acuminata</i> , 1993   | 136                       | 112              | 59               | 263             | Madison    | 2017                   | City of Huntsville - O<br>Susan Weber & Layne Vaughan - N               |
| <b>MAGNOLIA, Pyramid</b><br><i>Magnolia pyramidata</i> , 2011   | 41                        | 92               | 24               | 139             | Wilcox     | 2016                   | Tommy Lawler - O, N   |
| <b>MAGNOLIA, Southern</b><br><i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> , 2020 | 208                       | 84               | 64               | 308             | Baldwin    | 2025                   | Pat Kennon – O<br>Patrick Waldrop - N                                   |
| <b>MAGNOLIA, Sweetbay</b><br><i>Magnolia virginiana</i> , 2010  | 138                       | 98               | 53               | 249             | Baldwin    | 2021                   | Historic Blakeley State Park - O<br>Tad M. Zebryk - N                   |
| <b>MAGNOLIA, Umbrella</b><br><i>Magnolia tripetala</i> , 2011   | 27                        | 45               | 20               | 77              | Calhoun    | 2016                   | U. S. Forest Service - O<br>Jason Shelton - N                           |
| <b>MAPLE, Ash-leaf</b><br><i>Acer negundo</i> , 2020            | 121                       | 65               | 68               | 203             | Walker     | 2025                   | Bill Tucker – O, N  |
| <b>MAPLE, Chalk</b><br><i>Acer leucoderme</i> , 2008            | 42                        | 44               | 35               | 95              | Wilcox     | 2018                   | Tommy & Jeanell Lawler - O<br>Wayne Webb - N                            |
| <b>MAPLE, Florida</b><br><i>Acer barbatum</i> , 2010            | 81                        | 85               | 31               | 174             | Lowndes    | 2020                   | Resource Mgmt. Service, LLC - O<br>Wayne Webb - N                       |
| <b>MAPLE, Red</b><br><i>Acer rubrum</i> , 2017                  | 136                       | 97               | 52               | 246             | Perry      | 2022                   | Joe Mathis Jr. – O, N   |
| <b>MAPLE, Silver</b><br><i>Acer saccharinum</i> , 2013          | 103                       | 84               | 68               | 204             | Jackson    | 2018                   | Ron & Dianne Lee - O<br>Adam Ziegenbein & Josh Angel - N                |
| <b>MAPLE, Sugar</b><br><i>Acer saccharum</i> , 2016             | 96                        | 80               | 64               | 192             | Madison    | 2021                   | Susan Weber- O, N   |
| <b>MAYHAW</b><br><i>Crataegus aestivalis</i> , 2007             | 20                        | 20               | 22               | 46              | Baldwin    | 2017                   | F.E. Little - O<br>Jason Shelton – N                                    |
| <b>MULBERRY, Red</b><br><i>Morus rubra</i> , 2009               | 256                       | 55               | 51               | 324             | Choctaw    | 2019                   | William J. Scruggs, Sr. - O<br>Lorenzo Johnson - N                      |
| <b>OAK, Arkansas</b><br><i>Quercus arkansana</i> , 1991         | 45                        | 49               | 30               | 102             | Autauga    | 2018                   | John C. Pirtle - O<br>Tom Lang - N                                      |
| <b>OAK, Black</b><br><i>Quercus velutina</i> , 2017             | 213                       | 114              | 127              | 359             | Morgan     | 2022                   | Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gilliland – O ,N                                     |
| <b>OAK, Black</b><br><i>Quercus velutina</i> , 2017             | 220                       | 112              | 102              | 358             | Bullock    | 2022                   | David Allen- O, N   |
| <b>OAK, Blackjack</b><br><i>Quercus marilandica</i> , 2020      | 105                       | 84               | 84               | 210             | Walker     | 2025                   | Louis Hall- O<br>Chris Wright - N                                       |
| <b>OAK, Bluff</b><br><i>Quercus austrina</i> , 2000             | 102                       | 101              | 52               | 216             | Baldwin    | 2017                   | City of Daphne, Village Point - O<br>Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation - N |
| <b>OAK, Bur</b><br><i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> , 1990             | 116                       | 59               | 75               | 194             | Montgomery | 2017                   | Huntingdon College - O<br>Dr. Douglas T. McGinty – N                    |
| <b>OAK, Cherrybark</b><br><i>Quercus pagoda</i> , 2020          | 240                       | 156              | 131              | 429             | Wilcox     | 2025                   | W.R Phillippi. - O<br>Ben Etheridge – N                                 |
| <b>OAK, Chestnut</b><br><i>Quercus prinus</i> , 2014            | 142                       | 80               | 73               | 240             | Clay       | 2019                   | Lamar Dewberry - O<br>Nick Jordan - N                                   |

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| <b>OAK, Chinkapin</b><br><i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i> , 2011  | 141                       | 129              | 95               | 294             | Lauderdale | 2021                   | Joe Wheeler State Park - O<br>Jason Shelton - N                           |
| <b>OAK, Darlington</b><br><i>Quercus hemisphaerica</i> , 2009 | 251                       | 91               | 96               | 366             | Hale       | 2019                   | David & Christie Krystofiak - O<br>Tim Washburne - N                      |
| <b>OAK, Durand</b> ★<br><i>Quercus durandii</i> , 2007        | 162                       | 107              | 62               | 285             | Wilcox     | 2017                   | U. S. Army Corps of Engineers - O<br>Jason Ledbetter - N                  |
| <b>OAK, Durand</b><br><i>Quercus durandii</i> , 2020          | 180                       | 90               | 95               | 294             | Greene     | 2025                   | Bethany Holdings - O<br>Steve Gardiner - N                                |
| <b>OAK, Georgia</b><br><i>Quercus georgiana</i> , 2014        | 32                        | 45               | 29               | 84              | Lee        | 2019                   | Davis Arboretum Auburn University -O<br>Patrick Thompson - N              |
| <b>OAK, Laurel</b> ★<br><i>Quercus laurifolia</i> , 2010      | 289                       | 95               | 88               | 406             | Marengo    | 2020                   | Mayton-Wilson Partnership - O<br>Kim Mayton - N                           |
| <b>OAK, Live</b><br><i>Quercus virginiana</i> , 2013          | 363                       | 82               | 136              | 479             | Mobile     | 2018                   | Sandy Howard - O<br>Donald E. Nelson - N                                  |
| <b>OAK, Myrtle</b><br><i>Quercus myrtifolia</i> , 2007        | 27                        | 35               | 40               | 72              | Baldwin    | 2017                   | Fort Morgan State Historic Site - O<br>Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation - N |
| <b>OAK, Northern Red</b><br><i>Quercus rubra</i> , 2009       | 130                       | 125              | 95               | 279             | Marion     | 2019                   | James Ross Markham, Sr. - O<br>Tony Avery - N                             |
| <b>OAK, Nuttall</b><br><i>Quercus texana</i> , 2017           | 83                        | 73               | 52               | 169             | Lee        | 2022                   | Auburn University- O<br>Morgan Beadles- N                                 |
| <b>OAK, Overcup</b><br><i>Quercus lyrata</i> , 2013           | 204                       | 117              | 93               | 344             | Dallas     | 2018                   | Tom Wasmer - O, N   |
| <b>OAK, Post</b><br><i>Quercus stellata</i> , 2015            | 255                       | 95               | 122              | 381             | Colbert    | 2020                   | Dale & Karen Smith – O<br>Karen Smith - N                                 |
| <b>OAK, Post</b><br><i>Quercus lyrata</i> , 2017              | 225                       | 128              | 97               | 377             | Hale       | 2022                   | Alan Dennis- O<br>Ethan Barrett- N  |
| <b>OAK, Sand Live</b><br><i>Quercus geminata</i> , 1998       | 184                       | 66               | 110              | 278             | Mobile     | 2018                   | Lotawanna Lambert - O<br>Richie Nell – N                                  |
| <b>OAK, Sand Post</b><br><i>Quercus margaretta</i> , 1982     | 101                       | 63               | 76               | 183             | Covington  | 2018                   | Solon Dixon Forestry Ed. Center - O<br>Dr. Harry Larsen - N               |
| <b>OAK, Scarlet</b><br><i>Quercus coccinea</i> , 2011         | 170                       | 118              | 99               | 313             | Jackson    | 2021                   | Scarlet Oak Farms - O<br>Jason Shelton - N                                |
| <b>OAK, Shingle</b><br><i>Quercus imbricaria</i> , 2004       | 152                       | 68               | 102              | 246             | Lawrence   | 2017                   | Joe Wheeler State Park - O<br>Jack Paul - N                               |
| <b>OAK, Shumard</b><br><i>Quercus shumardii</i>               | 163                       | 146              | 99               | 334             | Marengo    | 2020                   | The Westervelt Company – O<br>Chris Chambers – N                          |
| <b>OAK, Southern Red</b><br><i>Quercus falcata</i> , 1987     | 300                       | 66               | 79               | 386             | Pike       | 2018                   | Hunter J. Flack - O<br>Silas Bonner - N                                   |
| <b>OAK, Swamp Chestnut</b><br><i>Quercus michauxii</i> , 2007 | 283                       | 124              | 119              | 437             | Cleburne   | 2021                   | Cleburne County Road Dep't. - O<br>Jake Holloway – N                      |
| <b>OAK, Swamp White</b><br><i>Quercus bicolor</i> , 2007      | 122                       | 87               | 29               | 216             | Madison    | 2021                   | Goldsmith-Schiffman Wildlife Sanctuary - O<br>Susan Weber - N             |

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| <b>OAK, Water</b><br><i>Quercus nigra</i> , 2012            | 256                       | 96               | 136              | 386             | Montgomery | 2017                   | Kirk McKeen - O<br>Katie McKeen - N                              |
| <b>OAK, White</b><br><i>Quercus alba</i> , 2013             | 267                       | 102              | 119              | 399             | Colbert    | 2018                   | Jeff Mitchell - O<br>Darryl Rutland - N                          |
| <b>OAK, Willow</b><br><i>Quercus phellos</i> , 2012         | 248                       | 84               | 99               | 357             | Shelby     | 2017                   | David R. Shaw - O, N   |
| <b>OAK, Willow</b><br><i>Quercus phellos</i> , 2016         | 220                       | 108              | 121              | 358             | Perry      | 2021                   | Mary Elizabeth Glass- O<br>Elliott Glass- N                      |
| <b>OAK, Willow</b><br><i>Quercus phellos</i> , 2017         | 228                       | 106              | 81               | 354             | Marshall   | 2022                   | Snead State Community College- O<br>Tom Warren- N                |
| <b>OSAGE-ORANGE</b><br><i>Maclura pomifera</i> , 2012       | 233                       | 59               | 76               | 311             | Sumter     | 2017                   | Don Ward - O<br>Eleanor Ward - N                                 |
| <b>PAWPAW, Common</b><br><i>Asimina triloba</i> , 1997      | 31                        | 55               | 10               | 89              | Randolph   | 2017                   | Tim Coe - O<br>James Morris, Jr. - N                             |
| <b>PEAR, Common</b><br><i>Pyrus communis</i> , 2003         | 77                        | 57               | 40               | 144             | Chilton    | 2017                   | Isaac & Faye Britton - O<br>Glenn Barrett & Brian Smith - N      |
| <b>PECAN</b><br><i>Carya illinoensis</i> , 1999             | 234                       | 122              | 72               | 374             | Conecuh    | 2017                   | Juluin Bush - O<br>Mason McGowin - N                             |
| <b>PERSIMMON</b><br><i>Diospyros virginiana</i> , 2003      | 84                        | 122              | 45               | 217             | Lauderdale | 2019                   | David Pettus - O, N  |
| <b>PINE, Loblolly</b><br><i>Pinus taeda</i> , 2020          | 193                       | 113              | 65               | 322             | Morgan     | 2025                   | Billy Miles – O, N   |
| <b>PINE, Longleaf</b><br><i>Pinus palustris</i> , 2012      | 103                       | 84               | 57               | 201             | Baldwin    | 2017                   | Marino Family Trust - O<br>Selena C. Vaughn - N                  |
| <b>PINE, Sand</b><br><i>Pinus clausa</i> , 2008             | 63                        | 54               | 30               | 125             | Baldwin    | 2021                   | Bon Secour Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge - O<br>Chan West - N           |
| <b>PINE, Shortleaf</b><br><i>Pinus echinata</i> , 2008      | 130                       | 93               | 57               | 237             | Madison    | 2018                   | Buddy Darwin - O, N  |
| <b>PINE, Shortleaf</b><br><i>Pinus echinate</i> , 2016      | 101                       | 126              | 46               | 237             | Covington  | 2021                   | Thomas W. Savage- O, N   |
| <b>PINE, Slash</b><br><i>Pinus elliotii</i> , 2013          | 118                       | 92               | 53               | 223             | Mobile     | 2018                   | Alabama State Port Authority - O<br>Gena Todia & Fred Nation - N |
| <b>PINE, Spruce</b><br><i>Pinus glabra</i> , 1996           | 147                       | 125              | 86               | 294             | Russell    | 2017                   | George Watkins - O<br>David Boozer & Sharon Clark - N            |
| <b>PINE, Virginia</b><br><i>Pinus virginiana</i> , 2020     | 71                        | 80               | 29               | 158             | DeKalb     | 2025                   | DeSoto State Park - O<br>Dan Green - N                           |
| <b>PLUM, American</b><br><i>Prunus americana</i> , 2013     | 17                        | 30               | 25               | 53              | Talladega  | 2018                   | Camp Mac - O<br>John McBride – N                                 |
| <b>PLUM, American</b><br><i>Prunus americana</i> , 2007     | 26                        | 19               | 22               | 51              | Elmore     | 2017                   | Ft. Toulouse Park - O<br>Lynn Justiss & Ned Jenkins – N          |
| <b>PLUM, Chickasaw</b><br><i>Prunus angustifolia</i> , 2007 | 21                        | 17               | 24               | 44              | Baldwin    | 2017                   | Alabama Dep't. Of Conservation - O<br>Maureen Nation - N         |



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| <b>PLUM</b> , Flatwoods<br><i>Prunus umbellata</i> , 2010           | 20                        | 24               | 18               | 49              | Baldwin    | 2021                   | Baldwin County - O<br>Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation - N         |
| <b>PONDCYPRESS</b><br><i>Taxodium ascendens</i> , 2013              | 131                       | 92               | 32               | 231             | Mobile     | 2018                   | Alabama State Port Authority - O<br>Gena Todia & Fred Nation - N |
| <b>PRIVET</b> , Eastern Swamp<br><i>Forestiera acuminata</i> , 1995 | 19                        | 36               | 24               | 61              | Madison    | 2017                   | U.S. Army & TVA - O<br>Susan Weber - N                           |
| <b>REDBUD</b> , Eastern<br><i>Cercis canadensis</i> , 2000          | 86                        | 36               | 34               | 131             | Limestone  | 2017                   | Walter Hardiman - O<br>Doug Ezzell - N                           |
| <b>REDCEDAR</b> , Eastern<br><i>Juniperus virginiana</i> , 1979     | 179                       | 52               | 27               | 238             | Wilcox     | 2017                   | Lou & John Harmon - O<br>William C. Carrigan - N                 |
| <b>REDCEDAR</b> , Southern<br><i>Juniperus silicicola</i> , 2001    | 174                       | 56               | 68               | 247             | Baldwin    | 2017                   | Mr. & Mrs. John Ledbetter - O<br>Ken Richardson & Tom Ellis - N  |
| <b>SASSAFRAS</b><br><i>Sassafras albidum</i> , 2020                 | 162                       | 47               | 57               | 223             | Madison    | 2025                   | City of Huntsville - O<br>Marc Byers - N                         |
| <b>SASSAFRAS</b><br><i>Sassafras albidum</i> , 1992                 | 140                       | 74               | 33               | 222             | Dallas     | 2017                   | Sarah Petty Dagenhart - O<br>Larry Brooks & Jason Shelton - N    |
| <b>SILVERBELL</b> , Carolina<br><i>Halesia carolina</i> , 2011      | 44                        | 60               | 40               | 114             | Randolph   | 2021                   | Cynthia Burns Rothstein - O<br>Charles Wise & Ryan Prince - N    |
| <b>SILVERBELL</b> , Two-winged<br><i>Halesia diptera</i> , 1998     | 42                        | 72               | 27               | 121             | Wilcox     | 2017                   | Tommy & Jeanell Lawler - O<br>Tommy Lawler - N                   |
| <b>SOURWOOD</b><br><i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i> , 2009                | 68                        | 89               | 42               | 168             | Marion     | 2019                   | James Ross Markham, Sr. - O<br>Josh Angel & Tony Avery - N       |
| <b>SPARKLEBERRY</b><br><i>Vaccinium arboreum</i> , 2020             | 66                        | 25               | 44               | 101             | Choctaw    | 2025                   | Earl Jenkins - O, N  |
| <b>SUGARBERRY</b><br><i>Celtis laevigata</i> , 1994                 | 221                       | 82               | 82               | 324             | Barbour    | 2017                   | Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge - O<br>Daniel J. Drennen - N    |
| <b>SUMAC</b> , Smooth<br><i>Rhus glabra</i> , 2011                  | 12                        | 21               | 11               | 36              | Jackson    | 2016                   | The Nature Conservancy - O<br>Jason Shelton - N                  |
| <b>SUMAC</b> , Winged<br><i>Rhus copallina</i> , 2016               | 19                        | 47               | 20               | 71              | Cleburne   | 2018                   | Adam Dasinger – O, N   |
| <b>SWEETGUM</b><br><i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> , 2015            | 163                       | 117              | 108              | 307             | Marengo    | 2020                   | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - O<br>Ben Sherrod - N              |
| <b>SWEETLEAF</b><br><i>Symplocos tinctoria</i> , 2009               | 25                        | 73               | 17               | 102             | Marion     | 2019                   | Marshal W. & Jimmy D. Rea; Cherry Gregg O<br>Tony Avery - N      |
| <b>SYCAMORE</b><br><i>Platanus occidentalis</i> , 2010              | 188                       | 120              | 98               | 333             | Montgomery | 2021                   | Thomas Upchurch - O<br>Russell Stringer – N                      |
| <b>TUPELO</b> , Swamp<br><i>Nyssa biflora</i> , 2016                | 125                       | 88               | 75               | 232             | Baldwin    | 2021                   | City of Fairhope- O<br>Fred Nation- N                            |
| <b>TUPELO</b> , Water<br><i>Nyssa aquatica</i> , 2007               | 237                       | 112              | 88               | 371             | Madison    | 2017                   | City of Huntsville - O<br>Susan Weber – N                        |
| <b>WALNUT</b> , Black<br><i>Juglans nigra</i> , 1973                | 199                       | 76               | 97               | 299             | Colbert    | 2017                   | City of Sheffield - O<br>B. F. Walden - N                        |
| <b>WITCH-HAZEL</b><br><i>Hamamelis virginiana</i> , 2012            | 13                        | 32               | 21               | 50              | Randolph   | 2017                   | Stan Roark - O, N  |

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| <b>YAUPON</b><br><i>Ilex vomitoria</i> , 2020                 | 12                        | 13               | 9                | 27              | Sumter   | 2025                   | Cory Sly – O, N                                    |
| <b>YELLOW-POPLAR</b><br><i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> , 1974 | 252                       | 153              | 73               | 423             | Lawrence | 2016                   | U. S. Forest Service - O<br>W. E. Bustin - N       |
| <b>YELLOWWOOD</b><br><i>Cladrastis kentukea</i> , 2014        | 62                        | 80               | 59               | 157             | Monroe   | 2019                   | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - O<br>Wayne Webb - N |

# Champion Trees by County

★ Denotes National Champion or Co-Champion

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| <b>Autauga County (3)</b><br>American Beech<br>American Beech<br>Arkansas Oak  | Post Oak<br>White Oak<br><b>Conecuh County (1)</b><br>Pecan  | Bigleaf Magnolia<br>Black Cherry<br>Black Locust<br>Cucumber Magnolia<br>Dotted Hawthorn<br>Eastern Swamp privet<br>Sassafras<br>Shellbark Hickory<br>Shortleaf Pine<br>Sugar Maple<br>Swamp White Oak<br>Water Tupelo<br>Yellow Buckeye  | <b>Talladega County (5)</b><br>American Hornbeam<br>American Plum<br>Carolina Buckthorn<br>Hazel Alder<br>Honey Locust   |
| <b>Baldwin County (19)</b><br>Atlantic White Cedar<br>Baldecypress<br>Bluff Oak<br>Chickasaw Plum<br>Dahoon Holly<br>Flatwoods Plum<br>Hercules' Club<br>Loblolly-bay<br>Longleaf Pine<br>Mayhaw<br>Myrtle Oak<br>Odorless Bayberry ★<br>Sand Pine<br>Southern Magnolia<br>Southern Redcedar<br>Swamp Cottonwood<br>Swamp Tupelo<br>Sweetbay Magnolia<br>Water Hickory   | <b>Coosa County (2)</b><br>Chinese Chestnut<br>Mockernut Hickory<br><b>Covington County (3)</b><br>Sand Post Oak<br>Shortleaf Pine<br>Water Elm<br><b>Dallas County (3)</b><br>Nutmeg Hickory<br>Overcup Oak<br>Sassafras<br><b>DeKalb County (3)</b><br>Littlehip Hawthorn<br>Sweet Birch<br>Virginia Pine<br><b>Elmore County (3)</b><br>American Plum<br>Blackgum<br>Carolina Laurel Cherry<br><b>Etowah County (1)</b><br>Shagbark Hickory<br><b>Greene County (1)</b><br>Durand Oak<br><b>Hale County (2)</b><br>Darlington Oak<br>Post Oak<br><b>Jackson County (7)</b><br>American Beech<br>Blue Ash<br>Butternut<br>Hoptree<br>Scarlet Oak<br>Silver Maple<br>Smooth Sumac | <b>Marengo County (3)</b><br>Laurel Oak ★<br>Shumard Oak<br>Sweetgum<br><b>Marion County (3)</b><br>Northern Red Oak<br>Sourwood<br>Sweetleaf<br><b>Marshall County (2)</b><br>Common Hackberry<br>Willow Oak<br><b>Mobile County (5)</b><br>Live Oak<br>Pondcypress<br>Sand Live Oak<br>Slash Pine<br>Swamp Cyrilla<br><b>Monroe County (1)</b><br>Yellowwood<br><b>Montgomery County (4)</b><br>Bur Oak<br>Southern Crab Apple<br>Water Oak<br>Sycamore<br><b>Morgan County (2)</b><br>Black Oak<br>Loblolly Pine<br><b>Perry County (2)</b><br>Red Maple<br>Willow Oak<br><b>Pike County (1)</b><br>Southern Red Oak<br><b>Randolph County (4)</b><br>Carolina Silverbell<br>Common Pawpaw<br>Pignut Hickory<br>Witch-hazel<br><b>Russell County (1)</b><br>Spruce Pine<br><b>Shelby County (2)</b><br>White Ash<br>Willow Oak<br><b>Sumter County (2)</b><br>Osage-orange<br>Yaupon | <b>Tuscaloosa County (2)</b><br>Alabama Black Cherry ★<br>Fringetree<br><b>Walker County (3)</b><br>American Elm<br>Ash-leaf Maple<br>Blackjack Oak<br><b>Wilcox County (11)</b><br>Bigleaf Magnolia<br>Carolina Hickory ★<br>Chalk Maple<br>Cherrybark Oak<br>Crape Myrtle<br>Durand Oak ★<br>Eastern Redcedar<br>Green Ash<br>Pyramid Magnolia<br>Two-winged Silverbell<br>Winged Elm<br><b>Winston County (2)</b><br>Allegheny Chinkapin<br>Eastern Hemlock |
| <b>Barbour County (2)</b><br>Sawtooth Oak<br>Sugarberry<br><b>Blount County (2)</b><br>Gum Bumelia<br>Shagbark Hickory<br><b>Bullock County (1)</b><br>Black Oak<br><b>Butler County (1)</b><br>Red Hickory<br><b>Calhoun County (2)</b><br>Southern Catalpa<br>Umbrella Magnolia<br><b>Chambers County (2)</b><br>American Holly<br>Eastern Cottonwood<br><b>Cherokee County (2)</b><br>Red Buckeye<br>Sand Hickory<br><b>Chilton County (1)</b><br>Common Pear<br><b>Choctaw County (2)</b><br>Red Mulberry<br>Sparkleberry<br><b>Clay County (1)</b><br>Chestnut Oak<br><b>Cleburne County (3)</b><br>Flowering Dogwood<br>Swamp Chestnut Oak<br>Winged Sumac<br><b>Coffee County (1)</b><br>Devilwood<br><b>Colbert County (3)</b><br>Black Walnut | <b>Lauderdale County (5)</b><br>Bitternut Hickory<br>Buckthorn Bumelia<br>Chinkapin Oak<br>Persimmon<br>September Elm<br><b>Lawrence County (2)</b><br>Shingle Oak<br>Yellow-poplar<br><b>Lee County (3)</b><br>Georgia Oak<br>Nuttall Oak<br>River Birch<br><b>Limestone County (1)</b><br>Eastern Redbud<br><b>Lowndes County (1)</b><br>Florida Maple<br><b>Madison County (15)</b><br>American Smoketree<br>Basswood   |   |  |

## 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 mid-slope 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.

**NOTE:** 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'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. 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 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/get-involved/americas-biggest-trees/nominate-a-tree/>