

# Champion Trees Of Alabama 2016



Champion Post Oak for 2016 located in  
Colbert 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*' "Big Tree" Program, the Alabama Forestry Commission's (AFC) Champion Tree Program honors the largest trees in Alabama of each native species. The program began in 1970 with recognition of the first 28 champion trees. This report records the champion trees for 2016, including the new champions nominated from June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016. **For 2016, there are 153 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. The recognition and plaque remain even if the tree is surpassed by a larger tree in a following year.

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

The Champion Tree Program was created to discover, recognize, and preserve the largest tree(s) of each species in Alabama. A champion tree has outgrown and typically outlived its peers. The size makes it special, but each champion may hold unique genetic material that makes it priceless; 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 known member of its species recorded in Alabama.** To be eligible for the program, a tree must be of a species that is recognized as being native or naturalized in Alabama. A "naturalized" tree is a tree from an introduced species 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. Lisa Samuelson at 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 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 average crown spread.** Instructions for using this formula can be found on page 12 of this publication. Trees that are measured during the same year that are within 5 total points of each other are recognized as co-champions. Trees that are measured during different years may have differences in total point scores of slightly greater than 5 total points and still be considered co-champions, depending on species and circumstances.

## 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. **For 2016, five of Alabama's champion trees are also national champions or co-national champions.**

[The new champion trees for 2016 are shown in blue.](#)

# Champion Trees of Alabama

Species, Year Declared Champion	Circumference (inches)	Height (feet)	Spread (feet)	Total Points	County	Re-Measurement Year	Owner (O) Nominator (N)
<b>ALDER, Hazel</b> <i>Alnus serrulata</i> , 2013	15	36	18	56	Talladega	2018	Allen McBride - O John McBride - N
<b>AMERICAN SMOKETREE</b> <i>Cotinus obovatu</i> , 2010	61	64	38	135	Madison	2021	Carol Rampey - O Melody Stewart - N
<b>APPLE, Southern crab</b> <i>Malus angustifolia</i> , 2002	59	39	27	105	Montgomery	2017	Silas Bonner - O Brent Gohring - N
<b>ASH, Blue</b> <i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i> , 2012	84	80	41	174	Jackson	2017	National Park Service - O Jason Shelton - N
<b>ASH, Green</b> <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i> , 2000	177	88	84	286	Wilcox	2018	Allyrae Wallace Educational Trust - O Jesse Bell - N
<b>ASH, White</b> <i>Fraxinus americana</i> , 2008	115	105	58	235	Wilcox	2018	Tommy & Jeanell Lawler - O James T. Lawler Outdoor Classroom - N
<b>BASSWOOD</b> <i>Tilia spp.</i> , 2016	131	115	52	259	Madison	2021	City of Huntsville - O Susan "Soos" Weber - N
<b>BAYBERRY, Scentless</b> ★ <i>Morella inodora</i> , 2000	15	27	16	46	Baldwin	2016	City of Daphne-Village Point - O Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation - N
<b>BEECH, American</b> <i>Fagus grandifolia</i> , 2015	114	131	74	264	Autauga	2020	City of Prattville - O Deven Peek - N
<b>BEECH, American</b> <i>Fagus grandifolia</i> , 2013	132	110	83	263	Jackson	2018	C. John Brewer - O, N
<b>BEECH, American</b> <i>Fagus grandifolia</i> , 2003	143	101	56	258	Autauga	2018	Cary McDaniel - O, N
<b>BIRCH, River</b> <i>Betula nigra</i> , 2014	100	92	73	210	Lee	2019	Michael Murray - O Patrick Thompson - N
<b>BIRCH, Sweet</b> <i>Betula lenta</i> , 2008	53	54	31	115	DeKalb	2018	DeSoto State Park - O Jason Shelton - N
<b>BLACKGUM</b> <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> , 1988	128	108	49	248	Elmore	2017	Joseph Collins - O Jill Browning - N
<b>BUCKEYE, Red</b> <i>Aesculus pavia</i> , 2015	19	36	15	59	Cherokee	2020	Paul Rogers - O Keith Niedermeier - N
<b>BUCKEYE, Yellow</b> <i>Aesculus octandra</i> , 1994	98	108	39	216	Madison	2021	City of Huntsville - O Susan "Soos" Weber - N
<b>BUCKTHORN, Carolina</b> <i>Rhamnus caroliniana</i> , 2012	12	42	13	57	Talladega	2017	Camp Mac - O John McBride - N
<b>BUMELIA, Buckthorn</b> <i>Bumelia lycioides</i> , 2011	21	31	28	59	Lauderdale	2021	Joe Wheeler State Park - O Jason Shelton - N
<b>BUMELIA, Gum</b> <i>Bumelia lanuginosa</i> , 1994	51	45	34	105	Blount	2017	Marvin & Barbara Whited - O Bob G. Winters - N
<b>BUTTERNUT</b> <i>Juglans cinerea</i> , 2011	111	63	71	192	Jackson	2021	Daryl & Donna Lawson - O Jason Shelton - N

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<b>CATALPA, Southern</b> <i>Catalpa bignonioides</i> , 1994	204	60	51	277	Perry	2017	Carolyn Daniel - O David Pearce - N
<b>CATALPA, Southern</b> <i>Catalpa bignonioides</i> , 2008	202	70	62	288	Clay	2018	Eloise Samuels - O, N
<b>CEDAR, Atlantic White</b> <i>Chameacyparis thyoides</i> , 2009	92	47	42	150	Baldwin	2019	Jeanette & Forest Kibler - O Forest Kibler - N
<b>CHERRY, Alabama black</b> ★ <i>Prunus alabamensis</i> , 2011	40	60	40	110	Tuscaloosa	2016	University of Alabama - O Dexter Duren - N
<b>CHERRY, Black</b> <i>Prunus serotina</i> , 2009	147	79	79	246	Madison	2019	Roger Everett & Joyce Rutland - O Doug Chapman - N
<b>CHERRY, Carolina Laurel</b> <i>Prunus caroliniana</i> , 2008	53	40	21	98	Colbert	2018	City of Tuscumbia - O Jack Paul - N
<b>CHESTNUT, American</b> <i>Castanea dentata</i> , 2008	NO CURRENT CHAMPION						
<b>CHESTNUT, Chinese</b> <i>Castanea mollissima</i> , 1998	138	65	77	222	Coosa	2017	George & Ronnie Zak - O Blake Kelley - N
<b>CHINKAPIN, Allegheny</b> <i>Castanea pumila</i> , 2011	13	26	16	43	Winston	2021	U. S. Forest Service - O Jason Shelton - N
<b>COTTONWOOD, Eastern</b> <i>Populus deltoides</i> , 2011	146	121	73	285	Chambers	2016	Glenn Osborn - O Fred & Lavonia Osborn - N
<b>COTTONWOOD, Swamp</b> <i>Populus heterophylla</i> , 2010	74	61	41	145	Baldwin	2016	Vermelle McDill - O Joseph Donnelly - N
<b>CRAPE MYRTLE</b> <i>Lagerstroemia indica</i> , 2011	78	43	33	129	Wilcox	2016	Malcolm Smith - O, N
<b>CYPRESS, Bald</b> <i>Taxodium distichum</i> , 1989	326	112	56	452	Baldwin	2016	AL Dep't. of Conservation - O Michael Jordan & John Martin - N
<b>CYPRESS, Pond</b> <i>Taxodium ascendens</i> , 2013	131	92	32	231	Mobile	2018	Alabama State Port Authority - O Gena Todia & Fred Nation - N
<b>CYRILLA, Swamp</b> <i>Cyrilla racemiflora</i> , 1996	43	31	20	79	Mobile	2018	University of Mobile - O Patrick Waldrop - N
<b>DEVILWOOD</b> <i>Osmanthus americanus</i> , 2001	25	36	31	69	Baldwin	2019	Jeanette & Doug Eden - O Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation - N
<b>DOGWOOD, Flowering</b> <i>Cornus florida</i> , 2009	74	48	59	137	Cleburne	2019	Jeff & Nicki Swindle - O Glenn Berry - N
<b>ELM, American</b> <i>Ulmus americana</i> , 2008	194	92	84	307	Walker	2018	Diane Cheatham - O Paul Kennedy & Dan Jackson - N
<b>ELM, September</b> <i>Ulmus serotina</i> , 2011	62	100	54	176	Lauderdale	2021	Joe Wheeler State Park - O Jason Shelton - N
<b>ELM, Siberian</b> <i>Ulmus pumila</i> , 2014	60	58	44	129	DeKalb	2019	Joseph West - O Daniel Green - N
<b>ELM, Siberian</b> <i>Ulmus pumila</i> , 1982	61	48	49	121	Madison	2017	Keith Allen - O Joe Webster Tree Care - N
<b>ELM, Slippery</b> <i>Ulmus rubra</i>	NO CURRENT CHAMPION						

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<b>ELM, Water</b> <i>Planera aquatica</i> , 1982	57	60	39	127	Covington	2018	Solon Dixon Forestry Center - O Dr. Harry Larsen - N
<b>ELM, Winged</b> <i>Ulmus alata</i> , 1997	142	85	74	246	Wilcox	2018	Kinley Bell - O Paul Wingard - N
<b>FRINGETREE</b> <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i> , 2010	32	18	25	55	Tuscaloosa	2020	Robert I. Jones - O Dexter Duren - N
<b>HACKBERRY, Common</b> <i>Celtis occidentalis</i> , 2009	189	73	92	285	Marshall	2019	John & Sue White - O Sue White - N
<b>HAWTHORN, Dotted</b> <i>Crataegus punctata</i> , 1994	13	26	18	44	Madison	2017	Harriot Ross Grable - O Susan Weber - N
<b>HAWTHORN, Littlehip</b> <i>Crataegus spathulata</i> , 2009	14	28	16	46	DeKalb	2019	DeSoto State Park - O Jason Shelton - N
<b>HEMLOCK, Eastern</b> <i>Tsuga canadensis</i> , 1992	155	118	35	282	Winston	2017	U. S. Forest Service - O Robert Taylor - N
<b>HERCULES' CLUB</b> <i>Zanthoxylum clava-herculis</i> , 2007	45	40	27	92	Dallas	2017	James E. Shand - O Dr. Thomas H. Wilson - N
<b>HERCULES' CLUB</b> <i>Zanthoxylum clava-herculis</i> , 2005	33	61	26	101	Baldwin	2019	Blakeley State Park - O Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation - N
<b>HICKORY, Bitternut</b> <i>Carya cordiformis</i> , 2011	70	82	44	163	Lauderdale	2021	Joe Wheeler State Park - O Jason Shelton - N
<b>HICKORY, Mockernut</b> <i>Carya tomentosa</i> , 2014	103	114	62	233	Coosa	2019	John T. Goff Family LLC - O John Goff - N
<b>HICKORY, Nutmeg</b> <i>Carya myristiciformis</i> , 2009	73	84	43	168	Dallas	2019	James Shand - O Dr. Thomas H. Wilson - N
<b>HICKORY, Pignut</b> <i>Carya glabra</i> , 2016	104	101	71	223	Baldwin	2021	City of Daphne – O Fred Nation - N
<b>HICKORY, Red</b> <i>Carya ovalis</i> , 2015	128	115	69	260	Butler	2020	State of Alabama – O Wayne K. Webb - N
<b>HICKORY, Sand</b> <i>Carya pallida</i> , 2011	88	82	23	178	Cherokee	2021	Cherokee County Park & Recreation Board - O Jason Shelton - N
<b>HICKORY, Shagbark</b> <i>Carya ovata</i> , 2014	94	126	59	235	Blount	2019	Charles & Jamie LeCroy - O Charles LeCroy - N
<b>HICKORY, Shagbark</b> <i>Carya ovata</i> , 2008	96	117	64	229	Etowah	2018	Scott Morris - O, N
<b>HICKORY, Shellbark</b> <i>Carya laciniosa</i> , 2007	102	112	90	237	Madison	2017	City of Huntsville - Hays Nature Preserve - O Susan “Soos” Weber - N
<b>HICKORY, S. Shagbark</b> ★ <i>Carya caroliniae-septentrionalis</i> , 2014	94	136	69	247	Wilcox	2019	Tommy & Jeanell Lawler - O Wayne Webb - N
<b>HICKORY, Water</b> <i>Carya aquatica</i> , 2001	152	136	78	308	Baldwin	2016	State of Alabama Forever Wild - O Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation - N
<b>HOLLY, American</b> <i>Ilex opaca</i> , 1987	126	55	45	192	Chambers	2017	Norbord, Inc. - O Jeff Abney – N

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<b>HOLLY, Dahoon</b> <i>Ilex cassine</i> , 2015	58	37	33	103	Baldwin	2020	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – O Chan West - N
<b>HOPHORNBEAM, Eastern</b> <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> , 2008	37	63	42	111	DeKalb	2018	Buck’s Pocket State Park - O Jason Shelton - N
<b>HOPTREE</b> <i>Ptelea trifoliata</i> , 2011	17	21	18	43	Jackson	2021	The Nature Conservancy - O Jason Shelton - N
<b>HORNBEAM, American</b> <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> , 2012	57	45	45	113	Bibb	2017	Mead Stallings - O Thomas Hogelin - N
<b>HORNBEAM, American</b> <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> , 2012	45	61	46	118	Talladega	2017	Margery B. McBride - O John McBride - N
<b>LOCUST, Black</b> <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> , 1995	95	102	27	204	Madison	2017	Sydney & Elaine White - O Susan “Soos” Weber - N
<b>LOCUST, Honey</b> <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> , 2009	94	114	58	223	Talladega	2019	Headwaters Investments Corp. - O John Goff & Travis Ford - N
<b>MAGNOLIA, Bigleaf</b> <i>Magnolia macrophylla</i> , 2014	42	58	37	109	Wilcox	2019	Tommy & Jeanell Lawler - O Tommy Lawler - N
<b>MAGNOLIA, Cucumber</b> <i>Magnolia acuminata</i> , 1993	136	112	59	263	Madison	2017	City of Huntsville - O Susan Weber & Layne Vaughan - N
<b>MAGNOLIA, Pyramid</b> <i>Magnolia pyramidata</i> , 2011	41	92	24	139	Wilcox	2016	Tommy Lawler - O, N
<b>MAGNOLIA, Southern</b> <i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> , 1987	190	75	71	283	Calhoun	2017	Variosa (ladies club) - O Mary Bryant - N
<b>MAGNOLIA, Southern</b> <i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> , 2016	172	99	72	289	Talladega	2021	Jim & Josi Whitson – O, N
<b>MAGNOLIA, Sweetbay</b> <i>Magnolia virginiana</i> , 2010	138	98	53	249	Baldwin	2021	Historic Blakeley State Park - O Tad M. Zebryk - N
<b>MAGNOLIA, Umbrella</b> <i>Magnolia tripetala</i> , 2011	27	45	20	77	Calhoun	2016	U. S. Forest Service - O Jason Shelton - N
<b>MAPLE, Ash-leaf</b> <i>Acer negundo</i> , 2011	152	30	23	188	Jackson	2021	State of Alabama Forever Wild - O Jason Shelton - N
<b>MAPLE, Chalk</b> <i>Acer leucoderme</i> , 2008	42	44	35	95	Wilcox	2018	Tommy & Jeanell Lawler - O Wayne Webb - N
<b>MAPLE, Florida</b> <i>Acer barbatum</i> , 2010	81	85	31	174	Lowndes	2020	Resource Mgmt. Service, LLC - O Wayne Webb - N
<b>MAPLE, Red</b> <i>Acer rubrum</i> , 2009	136	85	65	237	Morgan	2019	City of Decatur - O Paul Floyd - N
<b>MAPLE, Silver</b> <i>Acer saccharinum</i> , 2013	103	84	68	204	Jackson	2018	Ron & Dianne Lee - O Adam Ziegenbein & Josh Angel - N
<b>MAPLE, Sugar</b> <i>Acer saccharum</i> , 2016	96	80	64	192	Madison	2021	Susan “Soos” Weber – O, N
<b>MAYHAW</b> <i>Crataegus aestivalis</i> , 2007	20	20	22	46	Baldwin	2017	F.E. Little - O Jason Shelton – N



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<b>MULBERRY, Red</b> <i>Morus rubra</i> , 2009	256	55	51	324	Choctaw	2019	William J. Scruggs, Sr. - O Lorenzo Johnson - N
<b>MULBERRY, White</b> <i>Morus alba</i> , 2007	195	38	53	246	DeKalb	2017	James Lawrence Hilley - O Alesia Hambrick - N
<b>OAK, Arkansas</b> <i>Quercus arkansana</i> , 1991	45	49	30	102	Autauga	2018	John C. Pirtle - O Tom Lang - N
<b>OAK, Black</b> <i>Quercus velutina</i> , 1992	242	80	94	346	Macon	2017	Earl Segrest - O Marjory Carter - N
<b>OAK, Blackjack</b> <i>Quercus marilandica</i> , 2016	84	64	48	160	Marion	2021	Marty Smith - O John Moore - N
<b>OAK, Bluff</b> <i>Quercus austrina</i> , 2000	102	101	52	216	Baldwin	2017	City of Daphne, Village Point - O Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation - N
<b>OAK, Bur</b> <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> , 1990	116	59	75	194	Montgomery	2017	Huntingdon College - O Dr. Douglas T. McGinty - N
<b>OAK, Cherrybark</b> <i>Quercus pagoda</i> , 1999	248	133	101	406	Bibb	2017	Joe Elliott, Jr. - O Freddie L. Kornegay - N
<b>OAK, Chestnut</b> <i>Quercus prinus</i> , 2014	142	80	73	240	Clay	2019	Lamar Dewberry - O Nick Jordan - N
<b>OAK, Chinkapin</b> <i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i> , 2011	141	129	95	294	Lauderdale	2021	Joe Wheeler State Park - O Jason Shelton - N
<b>OAK, Darlington</b> <i>Quercus hemisphaerica</i> , 2009	251	91	96	366	Hale	2019	David & Christie Krystofiak - O Tim Washburne - N
<b>OAK, Durand</b> ★ <i>Quercus durandii</i> , 2007	162	107	62	285	Wilcox	2017	U. S. Army Corps of Engineers - O Jason Ledbetter - N
<b>OAK, Georgia</b> <i>Quercus georgiana</i> , 2014	32	45	29	84	Lee	2019	Davis Arboretum at Auburn University - O Patrick Thompson - N
<b>OAK, Laurel</b> ◆ <i>Quercus laurifolia</i> , 2010	289	95	88	406	Marengo	2020	Mayton-Wilson Partnership - O Kim Mayton - N
<b>OAK, Live</b> <i>Quercus virginiana</i> , 2013	363	82	136	479	Mobile	2018	Sandy Howard - O Donald E. Nelson - N
<b>OAK, Myrtle</b> <i>Quercus myrtifolia</i> , 2007	27	35	40	72	Baldwin	2017	Fort Morgan State Historic Site - O Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation - N
<b>OAK, Northern Red</b> <i>Quercus rubra</i> , 2009	130	125	95	279	Marion	2019	James Ross Markham, Sr. - O Tony Avery - N
<b>OAK, Nuttall</b> <i>Quercus nuttallii</i>	NO CURRENT CHAMPION						
<b>OAK, Overcup</b> <i>Quercus lyrata</i> , 2013	204	117	93	344	Dallas	2018	Tom Wasmer - O, N
<b>OAK, Post</b> <i>Quercus stellata</i> , 2015	255	95	122	381	Colbert	2020	Dale & Karen Smith – O Karen Smith - N
<b>OAK, Sand Live</b> <i>Quercus geminata</i> , 1998	184	66	110	278	Mobile	2018	Lotawanna Lambert - O Richie Nell – N

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<b>OAK, Sand Post</b> <i>Quercus margaretta</i> , 1982	101	63	76	183	Covington	2018	Solon Dixon Forestry Ed. Center - O Dr. Harry Larsen - N
<b>OAK, Sawtooth</b> <i>Quercus acutissima</i> , 1997	88	43	35	140	Barbour	2017	Barbour Co. Wildlife Mgmt. Area - O Dale Hurst - N
<b>OAK, Scarlet</b> <i>Quercus coccinea</i> , 2011	170	118	99	313	Jackson	2021	Scarlet Oak Farms - O Jason Shelton - N
<b>OAK, Shingle</b> <i>Quercus imbricaria</i> , 2004	152	68	102	246	Lawrence	2017	Joe Wheeler State Park - O Jack Paul - N
<b>OAK, Shumard</b> <i>Quercus shumardii</i> , 2015	163	146	99	334	Marengo	2020	The Westervelt Company - O Chris Chambers - N
<b>OAK, Southern Red</b> <i>Quercus falcata</i> , 1987	300	66	79	386	Pike	2018	Hunter J. Flack - O Silas Bonner - N
<b>OAK, Swamp Chestnut</b> <i>Quercus michauxii</i> , 2007	283	124	119	437	Cleburne	2021	Cleburne County Road Dep't. - O Jake Holloway - N
<b>OAK, Swamp White</b> <i>Quercus bicolor</i> , 2007	122	87	29	216	Madison	2021	Goldsmith-Schiffman Wildlife Sanctuary - O Susan "Soos" Weber - N
<b>OAK, Water</b> <i>Quercus nigra</i> , 2012	256	96	136	386	Montgomery	2017	Kirk McKeen - O Katie McKeen - N
<b>OAK, White</b> <i>Quercus alba</i> , 2013	267	102	119	399	Colbert	2018	Jeff Mitchell - O Darryl Rutland - N
<b>OAK, Willow</b> <i>Quercus phellos</i> , 2012	248	84	99	357	Shelby	2017	David R. Shaw - O, N
<b>OAK, Willow</b> <i>Quercus phellos</i> , 2016	220	108	121	358	Perry	2021	Mary Elizabeth Glass - O Elliott Glass - N
<b>OSAGE-ORANGE</b> <i>Maclura pomifera</i> , 2012	233	59	76	311	Sumter	2017	Don Ward - O Eleanor Ward - N
<b>PAWPAW, Common</b> <i>Asimina triloba</i> , 1997	31	55	10	89	Randolph	2017	Tim Coe - O James Morris, Jr. - N
<b>PEAR, Common</b> <i>Pyrus communis</i> , 2003	77	57	40	144	Chilton	2017	Isaac & Faye Britton - O Glenn Barrett & Brian Smith - N
<b>PECAN</b> <i>Carya illinoensis</i> , 1999	234	122	72	374	Conecuh	2017	Juluin Bush - O Mason McGowin - N
<b>PERSIMMON</b> <i>Diospyros virginiana</i> , 2003	84	122	45	217	Lauderdale	2019	David Pettus - O, N
<b>PINE, Loblolly</b> <i>Pinus taeda</i> , 1998	147	139	74	305	Bullock	2017	Viea Taylor - O John Ross & Scott Hartzog - N
<b>PINE, Longleaf</b> <i>Pinus palustris</i> , 2012	103	84	57	201	Baldwin	2017	Marino Family Trust - O Selena C. Vaughn - N
<b>PINE, Sand</b> <i>Pinus clausa</i> , 2008	63	54	30	125	Baldwin	2021	Bon Secour Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge - O Chan West - N
<b>PINE, Shortleaf</b> <i>Pinus echinata</i> , 2008	130	93	57	237	Madison	2018	Buddy Darwin - O, N
<b>PINE, Shortleaf</b> <i>Pinus echinata</i> , 2016	101	126	46	239	Covington	2021	Thomas W. Savage - O, N



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<b>PINE, Slash</b> <i>Pinus elliottii</i> , 2013	118	92	53	223	Mobile	2018	Alabama State Port Authority - O Gena Todia & Fred Nation - N
<b>PINE, Spruce</b> <i>Pinus glabra</i> , 1996	147	125	86	294	Russell	2017	George Watkins - O David Boozer & Sharon Clark - N
<b>PINE, Virginia</b> <i>Pinus virginiana</i> , 2014	76	72	36	157	DeKalb	2019	DeSoto State Park - O Jason Shelton - N
<b>PLUM, American</b> <i>Prunus americana</i> , 2013	17	30	25	53	Talladega	2018	Camp Mac - O John McBride - N
<b>PLUM, American</b> <i>Prunus americana</i> , 2007	26	19	22	51	Elmore	2017	Ft. Toulouse Park - O Lynn Justiss & Ned Jenkins - N
<b>PLUM, Chickasaw</b> <i>Prunus angustifolia</i> , 2007	21	17	24	44	Baldwin	2017	Alabama Dep't. Of Conservation - O Maureen Nation - N
<b>PLUM, Flatwoods</b> <i>Prunus umbellata</i> , 2010	20	24	18	49	Baldwin	2021	Baldwin County - O Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation - N
<b>PRIVET, Eastern Swamp</b> <i>Forestiera acuminata</i> , 1995	19	36	24	61	Madison	2017	U.S. Army & TVA - O Susan "Soos" Weber - N
<b>REDBUD, Eastern</b> <i>Cercis canadensis</i> , 2000	86	36	34	131	Limestone	2017	Walter Hardiman - O Doug Ezzell - N
<b>REDCEDAR, Eastern</b> <i>Juniperus virginiana</i> , 1979	179	52	27	238	Wilcox	2017	Lou & John Harmon - O William C. Carrigan - N
<b>REDCEDAR, Southern</b> <i>Juniperus silicicola</i> , 2001	174	56	68	247	Baldwin	2017	Mr. & Mrs. John Ledbetter - O Ken Richardson & Tom Ellis - N
<b>SASSAFRAS</b> <i>Sassafras albidum</i> , 1992	140	74	33	222	Dallas	2017	Sarah Petty Dagenhart - O Larry Brooks - N
<b>SERVICEBERRY, Downy</b> <i>Amelanchier arborea</i> , 2009	24	36	18	65	DeKalb	2019	DeSoto State Park - O Jason Shelton - N
<b>SILVERBELL, Carolina</b> <i>Halesia carolina</i> , 2011	44	60	40	114	Randolph	2021	Cynthia Burns Rothstein - O Charles Wise & Ryan Prince - N
<b>SILVERBELL, Two-winged</b> <i>Halesia diptera</i> , 1998	42	72	27	121	Wilcox	2017	Tommy & Jeanell Lawler - O Tommy Lawler - N
<b>SOURWOOD</b> <i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i> , 2009	68	89	42	168	Marion	2019	James Ross Markham, Sr. - O Josh Angel & Tony Avery - N
<b>SPARKLEBERRY</b> <i>Vaccinium arboreum</i> , 2007	49	29	41	88	Choctaw	2017	Earl Jenkins - O, N
<b>SUGARBERRY</b> <i>Celtis laevigata</i> , 1994	221	82	82	324	Barbour	2017	Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge - O Daniel J. Drennen - N
<b>SUMAC, Smooth</b> <i>Rhus glabra</i> , 2011	12	21	11	36	Jackson	2016	The Nature Conservancy - O Jason Shelton - N
<b>SUMAC, Winged</b> <i>Rhus copallina</i> , 2016	19	47	20	71	Cleburne	2021	Adam Dasinger - O, N
<b>SWEETGUM</b> <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> , 2015	163	117	108	307	Marengo	2020	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - O Ben Sherrod - N
<b>SWEETLEAF</b> <i>Symplocos tinctoria</i> , 2009	25	73	17	102	Marion	2019	Marshal W. Rea, Jimmy D. Rea & Cherry Gregg - O Tony Avery - N

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<b>SYCAMORE</b> <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> , 2016	221	122	83	364	Colbert	2021	East Colbert Waterfowl, LLC - O Randy McCann - N
<b>TUPELO, Swamp</b> <i>Nyssa biflora</i> , 2016	125	88	75	232	Baldwin	2021	City of Fairhope - O Fred Nation - N
<b>TUPELO, Water</b> <i>Nyssa aquatica</i> , 2007	237	112	88	371	Madison	2017	City of Huntsville - O Susan "Soos" Weber - N
<b>WALNUT, Black</b> <i>Juglans nigra</i> , 1973	199	76	97	299	Colbert	2017	City of Sheffield - O B. F. Walden - N
<b>WILLOW, Black</b> <i>Salix nigra</i>	NO CURRENT CHAMPION						
<b>WITCH-HAZEL</b> <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i> , 2012	13	32	21	50	Randolph	2017	Stan Roark - O, N
<b>YELLOW-POPLAR</b> <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> , 1974	252	153	73	423	Lawrence	2016	U. S. Forest Service - O W. E. Bustin - N
<b>YELLOWWOOD</b> <i>Cladrastis kentukea</i> , 2014	62	80	59	157	Monroe	2019	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - O Wayne Webb - N

# Champion Trees by County

★ Denotes National Champion

◆ Denotes Co-National Champion

## **Autauga County (3)**

American Beech  
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Arkansas Oak

## **Baldwin County (19)**

Atlantic White Cedar  
Baldecypress  
Bluff Oak  
Chickasaw Plum  
Dahoon Holly  
Devilwood  
Flatwoods Plum  
Hercules' Club  
Longleaf Pine  
Mayhaw  
Myrtle Oak  
Pignut Hickory  
Sand Pine  
Scentless Bayberry★  
Southern Redcedar  
Swamp Cottonwood  
Swamp Tupelo  
Sweetbay Magnolia  
Water Hickory

## **Barbour County (2)**

Sawtooth Oak  
Sugarberry

## **Bibb County (2)**

American Hornbeam  
Cherrybark Oak

## **Blount County (2)**

Gum Bumelia  
Shagbark Hickory

## **Bullock County (1)**

Loblolly Pine

## **Butler County (1)**

Red Hickory

## **Calhoun County (2)**

Southern Magnolia  
Umbrella Magnolia

## **Chambers County (2)**

American Holly  
Eastern Cottonwood

## **Cherokee County (2)**

Red Buckeye  
Sand Hickory

## **Chilton County (1)**

Common Pear

## **Choctaw County (2)**

Red Mulberry  
Sparkleberry

## **Clay County (2)**

Chestnut Oak  
Southern Catalpa

## **Cleburne County (3)**

Flowering Dogwood  
Swamp Chestnut Oak  
Winged Sumac

## **Colbert County (5)**

Black Walnut  
Carolina Laurel Cherry  
Post Oak  
Sycamore  
White Oak

## **Conecuh County (1)**

Pecan

## **Coosa County (2)**

Chinese Chestnut  
Mockernut Hickory

## **Covington County (3)**

Sand Post Oak  
Shortleaf Pine  
Water Elm

## **Dallas County (4)**

Hercules' Club  
Nutmeg Hickory  
Overcup Oak  
Sassafras

## **DeKalb County (7)**

Downy Serviceberry  
Eastern Hophornbeam  
Littlehip Hawthorn  
Siberian Elm  
Sweet Birch  
Virginia Pine  
White Mulberry

## **Elmore County (2)**

American Plum  
Blackgum

## **Etowah County (1)**

Shagbark Hickory

## **Hale County (1)**

Darlington Oak

## **Jackson County (8)**

American Beech  
Ash-leaf Maple  
Blue Ash  
Butternut  
Hoptree

Scarlet Oak

Silver Maple

Smooth Sumac

## **Lauderdale County (5)**

Bitternut Hickory  
Buckthorn Bumelia  
Chinkapin Oak  
Persimmon

September Elm

## **Lawrence County (2)**

Shingle Oak

Yellow-poplar

## **Lee County (2)**

Georgia Oak

River Birch

## **Limestone County (1)**

Eastern Redbud

## **Lowndes County (1)**

Florida Maple

## **Macon County (1)**

Black Oak

## **Madison County (14)**

American Smoketree  
Basswood  
Black Cherry  
Black Locust  
Cucumber Magnolia  
Dotted Hawthorn  
Eastern Swampprivet  
Shellbark Hickory  
Shortleaf Pine  
Siberian Elm  
Sugar Maple  
Swamp White Oak  
Water Tupelo  
Yellow Buckeye

## **Marengo County (3)**

Laurel Oak◆  
Shumard Oak  
Sweetgum

## **Marion County (4)**

Blackjack Oak  
Northern Red Oak  
Sourwood  
Sweetleaf

## **Marshall County (1)**

Common Hackberry

## **Mobile County (5)**

Live Oak  
Pond Cypress  
Sand Live Oak  
Slash Pine

Swamp Cyrilla

## **Monroe County (1)**

Yellowwood

## **Montgomery County (3)**

Bur Oak  
Southern Crab Apple  
Water Oak

## **Morgan County (1)**

Red Maple

## **Perry County (2)**

Southern Catalpa  
Willow Oak

## **Pike County (1)**

Southern Red Oak

## **Randolph County (3)**

Carolina Silverbell  
Common Pawpaw  
Witch-hazel

## **Russell County (1)**

Spruce Pine

## **Shelby County (1)**

Willow Oak

## **Sumter County (1)**

Osage-orange

## **Talladega County (6)**

American Hornbeam  
American Plum  
Carolina Buckthorn  
Hazel Alder  
Honeylocust  
Southern Magnolia

## **Tuscaloosa County (2)**

Alabama Black Cherry★  
Fringetree

## **Walker County (1)**

American Elm

## **Wilcox County (11)**

Bigleaf Magnolia  
Chalk Maple  
Crape Myrtle

Durand Oak★

Eastern Redcedar

Green Ash

Pyramid Magnolia

Southern Shagbark Hickory★

Two-winged Silverbell

White Ash

Winged Elm

## **Winston County (2)**

Allegheny Chinkapin  
Eastern Hemlock

## 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 at the mid-slope rather than the uphill side of the tree as done in normal forestry measurements. 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, perpendicular to the stem, 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. Height must be measured with a clinometer or a device of equal or better accuracy.

**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 averaged crown spread (feet).