



Measurements of Our Largest Trees

The Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC) honors the largest tree of each species in Alabama through the Alabama Champion Tree Program. The program began in 1970, when 28 champion trees were identified. For 2025, fourteen of our 145 champion trees are newly crowned. Those 145 trees represent 134 distinct species in 49 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. have a single, woody stem at least 13' tall (cannot be a shrub)
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

2025 ALABAMA CHAMPION TREE LIST (New Champions Highlighted in Brown)

Common Name & Year Crowned	Scientific Name	Remeasure Due	Circum. (Inches)	Height (Feet)	Crown Spread (Feet)	Score (points)	County	Owner	Nominator
ALDER, Hazel - 2023	<i>Alnus serrulata</i>	2028	27	25	25	58	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
ASH, Green - 2025	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	2030	194	92	80	306	Madison	Elizabeth Gauthier	Dylan Bishop
ASH, White - 2020	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	2030	159	97	100	281	Shelby	Clay Holland	Charles Ford
BASSWOOD - 2021	<i>Tilia spp.</i>	2026	112	132	56	258	Etowah	John L. Brasher	John L. Brasher
BAY, Red - 2023	<i>Tamala borbonia</i>	2028	25	58	25	89	Washington	Wiley Schell	Wiley Schell
BEECH, American - 2024	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	2029	154	136	90	312	Tallapoosa	Horseshoe Bend National Military Park	Matthew Robinson
BIRCH, River - 2024	<i>Betula nigra</i>	2029	126	127	89	275	Tallapoosa	Kellum Resources, LLC	Matthew Kaynard
BIRCH, Sweet - 2021	<i>Betula lenta</i>	2026	44	69	20	118	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
BOX ELDER - 2020	<i>Acer negundo</i>	2030	125	60	87	206	Walker	Cora Dean Tucker	Bill Tucker
BUCKEYE, Red - 2015	<i>Aesculus pavia</i>	2028	20	48	18	72	Cherokee	Paul Rogers	Keith Niedermeier
BUCKEYE, Yellow - 1994	<i>Aesculus flava</i>	2026	101	107	26	214	Madison	City of Huntsville	Susan Weber
BUMELIA, Gum - 1994	<i>Sideroxylon lanuginosum</i>	2026	63	43	41	116	Blount	Joe Spradlin	Bob G. Winters
BUTTERNUT - 2011	<i>Juglans cinerea</i>	2029	126	66	74	210	Jackson	Darryl & Donna Lawson	Jason Shelton
CATALPA, Southern - 2020	<i>Catalpa bignonioides</i>	2030	216	63	66	295	Calhoun	McClellan Development Authority	John McBride
CEDAR, Atlantic White - 2025	<i>Chamaecyparis thyoides</i>	2030	125	76	32	209	Baldwin	Kenneth Horton	Wendell Erdman
CHERRY, Alabama Black - 2011	<i>Prunus alabamensis</i>	2030	44	69	40	123	Tuscaloosa	University of Alabama	Dexter Duren
CHERRY, Black - 2009	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	2026	161	62	79	242	Madison	Joyce Rutland	Doug Chapman
CHERRY, Carolina Laurel - 2025	<i>Prunus caroliniana</i>	2030	64	46	45	121	Jefferson	John L. Brasher	John L. Brasher
CHESTNUT, American - 2024	<i>Castanea dentata</i>	2029	50	57	42	117	Cleburne	Wheeler WhitLock	Wheeler WhitLock
CHESTNUT, Chinese - 1998	<i>Castanea mollissima</i>	2028	156	68	68	241	Coosa	George & Ronnie Zak	Blake Kelley
CHINKAPIN, Allegheny - 2021	<i>Castanea pumila</i>	2026	24	48	40	82	Etowah	John L. Brasher	John L. Brasher

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COTTONWOOD, Eastern - 2011	<i>Populus deltoides</i>	2027	154	132	78	305	Chambers	Glenn Osborn	Fred & Lavonia Osborn
COTTONWOOD, Eastern - 2025	<i>Populus deltoides</i>	2030	199	84	70	300	Marengo	Henry Sims	Bayne Moore
COTTONWOOD, Swamp - 2010	<i>Populus heterophylla</i>	2027	81	69	44	161	Baldwin	Vermelle McDill	Joseph Donnelly
CRABAPPLE, Southern - 2002	<i>Malus angustifolia</i>	2027	66	31	30	104	Montgomery	Silas Bonner	Brent Gohring
CRAPE MYRTLE - 2022	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	2027	78	41	45	130	Mobile	Michael & Melodie Mastro	Michael & Melodie Mastro
CYPRESS, Pond - 2013	<i>Taxodium ascendens</i>	2027	131	87	46	229	Mobile	State of Alabama	Gena Todia & Fred Nation
CYPRESS, Southern Bald - 2020	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	2025	423	105	43	538	Clarke	The Nature Conservancy	Charlie Baucom, Earl Fleming, Gena Todia
CYRILLA, Swamp - 2023	<i>Cyrilla racemiflora</i>	2028	19	40	22	64	Washington	Wiley Schell	Wiley Schell
DEVILWOOD - 2023	<i>Cartrema americana</i>	2028	28	55	32	91	Washington	Wiley Schell	Wiley Schell
DOGWOOD, Flowering - 2009	<i>Cornus florida</i>	2026	91	56	64	163	Cleburne	Jeff & Nicki Swindle	Glenn Berry
ELM, American - 2008	<i>Ulmus americana</i>	2030	214	77	77	310	Walker	Diane Cheatham	Paul Kennedy & Dan Jackson
ELM, September - 2011	<i>Ulmus serotina</i>	2026	68	96	76	183	Lauderdale	Joe Wheeler State Park	Jason Shelton
ELM, Slippery - 2021	<i>Ulmus rubra</i>	2026	45	71	54	129	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
ELM, Winged - 1997	<i>Ulmus alata</i>	2029	107	55	52	175	Wilcox	Kinley Bell	Paul Wingard
HAWTHORN, Green - 2025	<i>Crataegus viridis</i>	2030	52	30	44	93	Jefferson	Jefferson County Greenways	Larry Stephens
HAWTHORN, Littlehip - 2025	<i>Crataegus spathulata</i>	2030	39	29	30	75	DeKalb	Riverview Camp for Girls	Dan Green
HEMLOCK, Eastern - 1992	<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	2026	152	120	25	278	Winston	USDA Forest Service	Robert Taylor
HEMLOCK, Eastern - 2025	<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	2030	179	82	61	276	DeKalb	Lynn Holloway	Jimmy Stewart
HERCULES' CLUB - 2007	<i>Zanthoxylum clava-herculis</i>	2029	43	44	30	94	Dallas	Dawne & Heather Shand	Dr. Thomas H. Wilson
HICKORY, Bitternut - 2023	<i>Carya cordiformis</i>	2028	165	146	93	334	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger

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HICKORY, Carolina - 2021	<i>Carya carolinae-septentrionalis</i>	2026	106	140	71	263	Etowah	John L. Brasher	John L. Brasher
HICKORY, Common Shagbark - 2023	<i>Carya ovata</i>	2028	108	149	77	276	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
HICKORY, Mockernut - 2014	<i>Carya tomentosa</i>	2028	110	130	100	265	Coosa	John T Goff Family, LLC	John Goff
HICKORY, Nutmeg - 2024	<i>Carya myristiciformis</i>	2029	98	97	67	211	Sumter	Mitchell Bell	John Michael Kelley
HICKORY, Pignut - 2020	<i>Carya glabra</i>	2030	129	107	104	262	Randolph	Bonnie Sue Knight	Gerry Knight
HICKORY, Sand - 2023	<i>Carya pallida</i>	2028	125	107	84	253	Houston	Forever Wild of Alabama	Kim Meeker
HICKORY, Sand - 2023	<i>Carya pallida</i>	2028	116	113	88	251	Lamar	William Robert & Melissa Cole	Bobby Cole
HICKORY, Shellbark - 2007	<i>Carya laciniosa</i>	2026	102	113	68	232	Madison	City of Huntsville	Susan Weber
HICKORY, Water - 2001	<i>Carya aquatica</i>	2016	152	136	78	307	Baldwin	State of Alabama	Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation
HOLLY, American - 2025	<i>Ilex americana</i>	2030	81	65	45	157	Coosa	Richard Blades	Josh Blades
HOLLY, Dahoon - 2021	<i>Ilex cassine</i>	2026	58	55	37	122	Baldwin	Maggie Lacey	Maggie Lacey
HOPHORNBEAM - 2022	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	2027	36	40	36	85	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
HOPTREE - 2011	<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	2021	17	21	18	42	Jackson	Nature Conservancy	Jason Shelton
HORNBEAM, American - 2022	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	2027	51	51	48	114	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
LOCUST, Black - 1995	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	2017	95	102	27	203	Madison	Sidney & Elaine White	Susan Weber
LOCUST, Honey - 2009	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	2027	98	115	73	231	Talladega	HTFF REIT INC	John Goff & Travis Ford
MAGNOLIA, Bigleaf - 2023	<i>Magnolia macrophylla</i>	2028	54	90	25	150	Tuscaloosa	Dwight & Carol Lammon	Dwight & Carol Lammon
MAGNOLIA, Cucumber - 1993	<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>	2026	147	138	58	299	Madison	City of Huntsville	Susan Weber & Layne Vaughan
MAGNOLIA, Fraser - 2023	<i>Magnolia fraseri</i>	2028	37	80	34	125	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
MAGNOLIA, Pyramid - 2011	<i>Magnolia pyramidata</i>	2027	49	103	30	159	Wilcox	Tommy Lawler	Tommy Lawler
MAGNOLIA, Southern - 2023	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	2028	292	70	72	380	Tuscaloosa	University of Alabama	Robert Ireland

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MAGNOLIA, Sweetbay - 2024	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	2028	154	90	54	257	Baldwin	Redmon Enterprises LLC	Perry Lamb
MAGNOLIA, Umbrella - 2021	<i>Magnolia tripetala</i>	2026	31	59	15	93	Calhoun	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
MAPLE, Chalk - 2008	<i>Acer leucoderme</i>	2028	43	43	43	96	Wilcox	Tommy & Jeanelle Lawler	Wayne Webb
MAPLE, Florida - 2021	<i>Acer floridanum</i>	2026	86	90	67	192	Etowah	John L. Brasher	John L. Brasher
MAPLE, Red - 2023	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	2028	98	125	64	239	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Katie Wiswall
MAPLE, Silver - 2021	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>	2026	148	101	92	272	Etowah	Kenneth Coker	Jacob Coker
MAPLE, Sugar - 2016	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	2027	97	78	70	192	Madison	Susan Weber	Susan Weber
MAYHAW - 2007	<i>Crataegus aestivalis</i>	2027	31	24	29	62	Baldwin	F. E. Little	Jason Shelton
MULBERRY, Red - 2009	<i>Morus rubra</i>	2028	268	44	48	324	Choctaw	Louise Scruggs Johnson	Lorenzo Johnson
OAK, Arkansas - 1991	<i>Quercus arkansana</i>	2027	50	53	37	112	Autauga	John C. Pirtle	Tom Lang
OAK, Black - 2017	<i>Quercus velutina</i>	2027	227	147	110	401	Bullock	David Allen	David Allen
OAK, Blackjack - 2025	<i>Quercus marilandica</i>	2030	89	69	43	168	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
OAK, Bluff - 2000	<i>Quercus austrina</i>	2027	101	97	57	212	Baldwin	City of Daphne	Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation
OAK, Bur - 2025	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	2030	204	93	110	324	Montgomery	Brandon Bell	Brandon Bell
OAK, Cherrybark - 2020	<i>Quercus pagoda</i>	2025	240	156	131	428	Wilcox	W. R. Phillippi	Ben Etheridge
OAK, Chestnut - 2023	<i>Quercus montana</i>	2028	128	147	87	296	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
OAK, Chinkapin - 2011	<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	2026	152	132	101	309	Lauderdale	Joe Wheeler State Park	Jason Shelton
OAK, Darlington - 2024	<i>Quercus hemisphaerica</i>	2029	196	99	87	316	Russell	Fort Mitchell Historic Commission	Jennifer Davidson
OAK, Durand - 2007	<i>Quercus durandii</i>	2028	184	111	68	312	Wilcox	US Army Corps of Engineers	Jason Ledbetter
OAK, Georgia - 2014	<i>Quercus georgiana</i>	2027	45	52	38	106	Lee	Auburn University	Patrick Thompson
OAK, Laurel - 2010	<i>Quercus laurifolia</i>	2028	291	126	84	438	Marengo	Mayton-Wilson Partnership	Kim Mayton

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OAK, Laurel - 2023	<i>Quercus laurifolia</i>	2028	303	95	143	433	Butler	Virginia Foster	Jesse Davis
OAK, Live - 2013	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	2027	367	73	133	473	Mobile	Sandy Howard	Donald E. Nelson
OAK, Myrtle - 2007	<i>Quercus myrtifolia</i>	2026	30	35	29	72	Baldwin	Fort Morgan Park	Dr. Harry Larsen & Fred Nation
OAK, Northern Red - 2021	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	2026	140	136	71	293	Etowah	John L. Brasher	John L. Brasher
OAK, Nuttall - 2020	<i>Quercus texana</i>	2025	155	132	90	309	Clarke	The Nature Conservancy	Charlie Baucom, Earl Fleming, Gena Todia
OAK, Overcup - 2024	<i>Quercus lyrata</i>	2029	239	120	103	384	Hale	Alan Dennis	Alan Dennis
OAK, Post - 2015	<i>Quercus stellata</i>	2026	276	101	129	409	Colbert	Dale & Karen Smith	Karen Smith
OAK, Sand Live - 2022	<i>Quercus geminata</i>	2027	222	59	101	306	Baldwin	Jay and Vicky Gunn	Jay & Vicky Gunn
OAK, Sand Post - 1982	<i>Quercus margaretiae</i>	2026	104	64	47	179	Covington	Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center	Dr. Harry Larsen
OAK, Scarlet - 2011	<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	2029	185	112	98	321	Jackson	Michael & Mary Peebles	Jason Shelton
OAK, Shingle - 2004	<i>Quercus imbricaria</i>	2026	162	67	100	254	Lawrence	Joe Wheeler State Park	Jack Paul
OAK, Southern Red - 2023	<i>Quercus falcata</i>	2028	254	90	102	369	DeKalb	Jimmy Lyles	Clinton Wallston
OAK, Southern Red - 2025	<i>Quercus falcata</i>	2030	207	137	116	373	Marengo	Wally Nall	Hale Smith
OAK, Swamp Chestnut - 2007	<i>Quercus michauxii</i>	2026	298	115	122	443	Cleburne	Cleburne County	Jake Holloway
OAK, Swamp White - 2007	<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	2026	128	81	28	216	Madison	City of Huntsville	Susan Weber
OAK, Turkey - 2022	<i>Quercus laevis</i>	2027	70	70	47	151	Washington	Wiley Schell	Wiley Schell
OAK, Water - 2012	<i>Quercus nigra</i>	2027	276	102	122	408	Montgomery	Kirk McKeen	Katie McKeen
OAK, White - 2013	<i>Quercus alba</i>	2026	282	112	65	410	Colbert	Jeff Mitchell	Darryl Rutland
OAK, Willow - 2021	<i>Quercus phellos</i>	2026	224	119	112	371	Cleburne	Terry McLeroy	Terry McLeroy
OAK, Willow - 2024	<i>Quercus phellos</i>	2029	231	114	129	377	Perry	Mary Elizabeth Glass	Elliott Glass
OSAGE-ORANGE - 2012	<i>Maclura pomifera</i>	2027	249	61	52	323	Sumter	Don Ward	Eleanor Ward

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PAWPAW, Common - 1997	<i>Asimina triloba</i>	2026	32	53	14	88	Randolph	Tim Coe	James Morris, Jr.
PEAR, Common - 2003	<i>Pyrus communis</i>	2028	132	58	50	202	Chilton	Isaac & Faye Britton	Glenn Barrett & Brian Smith
PECAN - 1999	<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	2027	240	125	134	398	Conecuh	Juluin Bush	Mason McGowin
PERSIMMON - 2003	<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	2026	84	122	45	217	Lauderdale	Marci Nell Pettus	City of Huntsville
PINE, Loblolly - 2020	<i>Pinus taeda</i>	2030	193	115	73	326	Morgan	Billy Miles	Billy Miles
PINE, Longleaf - 2012	<i>Pinus palustris</i>	2028	103	94	57	211	Baldwin	Marino Family Trust	Selena C. Vaughn
PINE, Longleaf - 2023	<i>Pinus palustris</i>	2027	101	96	39	206	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
PINE, Pond - 2023	<i>Pinus serotina</i>	2028	55	87	25	148	Pike	Troy University Arboretum	Alvin Diamond
PINE, Shortleaf - 2008	<i>Pinus echinata</i>	2026	135	93	55	241	Madison	Frances Darwin	Buddy Darwin
PINE, Slash - 2013	<i>Pinus elliotii</i>	2027	128	92	72	238	Mobile	State of Alabama	Gena Todia & Fred Nation
PINE, Spruce - 2025	<i>Pinus glabra</i>	2030	106	115	51	233	Barbour	John Gray	Cameron mims
PINE, Virginia - 2021	<i>Pinus virginiana</i>	2026	68	95	29	170	Calhoun	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
PINE, Virginia - 2021	<i>Pinus virginiana</i>	2026	73	92	40	175	Cleburne	Bobby Nowland	Bobby Nowland
PLUM, American - 2021	<i>Prunus americana</i>	2026	23	24	27	53	Etowah	The Nature Conservancy	John L. Brasher
RED CEDAR, Eastern - 1975	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i> , var. <i>virginiana</i>	2029	188	54	35	250	Wilcox	Lou & John Harmon	William C. Carrigan
RED CEDAR, Southern - 2001	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i> , var. <i>silicicola</i>	2027	175	59	76	253	Baldwin	Mr. & Mrs. John Ledbetter	Ken Richardson & Tom Ellis
REDBUD, Eastern - 2025	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	2030	51	41	39	101	Jefferson	John L. Brasher	John L. Brasher
SASSAFRAS - 2020	<i>Sassafras albidum</i>	2025	162	47	57	223	Madison	City of Huntsville	Ken Dunn
SERVICEBERRY, Downy - 2022	<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	2028	29	45	28	81	Washington	Wiley Schell	Wiley Schell
SERVICEBERRY, Downy - 2023	<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	2027	38	35	41	83	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
SILVERBELL, Carolina - 2011	<i>Halesia carolina</i>	2026	47	66	36	122	Randolph	Cynthia Burns Rothstein	Charles Wise & Ryan Prince

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SILVERBELL, Two-winged - 1998	<i>Halesia diptera</i>	2028	45	48	25	99	Wilcox	Tommy & Jeanelle Lawler	Tommy Lawler
SMOKETREE, American - 2010	<i>Cotinus obovatus</i>	2026	66	60	49	138	Madison	Carol Rampey	Melody Stewart
SOURWOOD - 2023	<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>	2028	56	86	26	148	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
SPARKLEBERRY - 2007	<i>Vaccinium arboreum</i>	2028	54	22	43	86	Choctaw	Earl Jenkins	Earl Jenkins
SUGARBERRY - 2025	<i>Celtis laevigata</i>	2030	117	79	75	214	Calhoun	Camp Lee	Mandy Pearson
SUMAC, Smooth - 2023	<i>Rhus glabra</i>	2028	41	60	31	108	Cleburne	Cleburne County	Adam Dasinger
SUMAC, Winged - 2016	<i>Rhus copallinum</i>	2026	26	57	20	88	Cleburne	Adam Dasinger	Adam Dasinger
SWEETGUM - 2023	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	2028	128	129	65	273	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
SWEETGUM - 2024	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	2029	148	105	84	274	Cherokee	Steve Tucker	Mike Moore
SWEETLEAF - 2023	<i>Symplocos tinctoria</i>	2028	39	60	28	106	Washington	Wiley Schell	Wiley Schell
SYCAMORE - 2021	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	2026	217	141	88	380	Madison	Steven Jacobs	Steven Jacobs
TUPELO, Black - 1988	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	2028	134	107	54	254	Elmore	Joseph Collins	Jill Browning
TUPELO, Black - 2024	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	2029	145	95	64	256	Lauderdale	Mike and Pam DesRuisseaux	Kyler Barnett
TUPELO, Swamp - 2024	<i>Nyssa biflora</i>	2029	68	93	35	169	Coffee	Adam Dasinger	Adam Dasinger
TUPELO, Water - 2007	<i>Nyssa aquatica</i>	2028	251	112	55	376	Madison	City of Huntsville	Susan Weber
WALNUT, Black - 1973	<i>Juglans nigra</i>	2026	211	99	99	334	Colbert	City of Sheffield	B. F. Walden
WILLOW, Black - 2023	<i>Salix nigra</i>	2028	34	32	27	72	Cherokee	Michael Morgan	Michael R Morgan
WITCH-HAZEL - 2023	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	2028	22	16	31	45	Cleburne	USDA Forest Service	Adam Dasinger
YELLOW-POPLAR - 1974	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	2026	263	172	102	460	Lawrence	USDA Forest Service	W. E. Bustin
YELLOWWOOD - 2014	<i>Cladrastis kentukea</i>	2028	70	88	35	166	Monroe	MB Plantation, LLC	Wayne Webb

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OAK, Arkansas

Baldwin 11

CEDAR, Atlantic White
COTTONWOOD, Swamp
HICKORY, Water
HOLLY, Dahoon
MAGNOLIA, Sweetbay
MAYHAW
OAK, Bluff
OAK, Myrtle
OAK, Sand Live
PINE, Longleaf
RED CEDAR, Southern

Barbour 1

PINE, Spruce

Blount 1

BUMELIA, Gum

Bullock 1

OAK, Black

Butler 1

OAK, Laurel

Calhoun 4

CATALPA, Southern
MAGNOLIA, Umbrella
PINE, Virginia
SUGARBERRY

Chambers 1

COTTONWOOD, Eastern

Cherokee 3

BUCKEYE, Red
SWEETGUM
WILLOW, Black

Chilton 1

PEAR, Common

Choctaw 2

MULBERRY, Red
SPARKLEBERRY

Clarke 2

CYPRESS, Southern Bald
OAK, Nuttall

Cleburne 23

ALDER, Hazel
BIRCH, Sweet
CHESTNUT, American
DOGWOOD, Flowering
ELM, Slippery
HICKORY, Bitternut
HICKORY, Common Shagbark
HOPHORNBEAM
HORNBEAM, American
MAGNOLIA, Fraser
MAPLE, Red
OAK, Blackjack
OAK, Chestnut
OAK, Swamp Chestnut
OAK, Willow
PINE, Longleaf
PINE, Virginia
SERVICEBERRY, Downy
SOURWOOD
SUMAC, Smooth
SUMAC, Winged
SWEETGUM
WITCH-HAZEL

Coffee 1

TUPELO, Swamp

Colbert 3

OAK, Post
OAK, White
WALNUT, Black

Conecuh 1

PECAN

Coosa 3

CHESTNUT, Chinese
HICKORY, Mockernut
HOLLY, American

Covington 1

OAK, Sand Post

Dallas 1

HERCULES' CLUB

DeKalb 3

HAWTHORN, Littlehip
HEMLOCK, Eastern
OAK, Southern Red

Elmore 1

TUPELO, Black

Etowah 7

BASSWOOD
CHINKAPIN, Allegheny
HICKORY, Carolina
MAPLE, Florida
MAPLE, Silver
OAK, Northern Red
PLUM, American

Hale 1

OAK, Overcup

Houston 1

HICKORY, Sand

2025 CHAMPION TREES BY COUNTY

Jackson 3

BUTTERNUT
HOPTREE
OAK, Scarlet

Jefferson 3

CHERRY, Carolina Laurel
HAWTHORN, Green
REDBUD, Eastern

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

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

Marengo 3

COTTONWOOD, Eastern
OAK, Laurel
OAK, Southern Red

Mobile 4

CRAPE MYRTLE
CYPRESS, Pond
OAK, Live
PINE, Slash

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 2

HICKORY, Nutmeg
OSAGE-ORANGE

Talladega 1

LOCUST, Honey

Tallapoosa 2

BEECH, American
BIRCH, River

Tuscaloosa 3

CHERRY, Alabama Black
MAGNOLIA, Bigleaf
MAGNOLIA, Southern

Walker 2

BOXELDER
ELM, American

Washington 6

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

Wilcox 7

ELM, Winged
MAGNOLIA, Pyramid
MAPLE, Chalk
OAK, Cherrybark
OAK, Durand
RED CEDAR, 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 National Champion Tree website:

<https://nationalchampiontree.org/tree-measurements/>.

Alternatively, you may contact katie.wiswall@forestry.alabama.gov for a copy of the most-recent measuring handbook.



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