

Champion Tree Program



About the Program

A large tree has a certain mystique. How old is it? What sights and sounds has it witnessed? What historical significance does it have? These are questions one often ponders while gazing upwards through the branches of a huge tree.

Landmark trees played an important role in the settling of Kansas, guiding pioneers to their destinations. Such historic trees as the Custer Elm, the Post Office Oak, and the Osage County Cottonwood were guideposts on the Kansas plains.

Reports of large or unusual trees are common in Kansas literature. H.A. Stephens' book, *Trees, Shrubs and Woody Vines of Kansas*, ends with a list of noteworthy examples. His original list of champion trees is now maintained by the Kansas Forest Service. This publication is a continuation of Stephens' work. The Kansas Champion Tree Program contains a list of the largest trees of many species in our state so they can be identified, preserved, and enjoyed by all. The champion trees listed in this publication include species that are native to Kansas as well as some that have been introduced here.

If there is more than one tree listed for a species, they are considered as co-champions. To be a co-champion, the total points of the trees must be within five points of each other. Nominations are judged on a point system established by the American Forests' National Register of Big Trees. One point is awarded for each inch of circumference, one point per foot of height, and one-fourth point per foot of crown spread.

This program would not be possible without the hard work of our volunteers who are responsible for measuring many of our champion trees. Thank you to all who have donated their time to ensuring these magnificent trees get the attention they deserve!

Circumference

Circumference (CC) is measured in inches, at a point on the trunk 4½ feet above ground. On a slope, mark the trunk at 4½ feet above the ground on the uphill and downhill sides of the slope, measure the circumference midway between the two points. If the tree has a fork at or below 4½ feet, measure the trunk below the influence of the fork.

Height

Height (H) is measured in feet, from the base of the trunk to the highest branch. There are several techniques to estimate tree height where it is not possible to measure.

Crown Spread

Crown spread (CS) is the distance, in feet, from the end of the branches on one side of the tree, through the trunk, to the ends of the branches on the opposite side. Two measurements are made (at right angles), then averaged and divided by four.

Total Points

The three measurements added together give a total point score. Circumference is the most important factor, followed by height and crown spread.

Species and Last Year Measured	CC	H	CS	Total	Location	Owner	Nominator
Alder, European <i>Alnus glutinosa</i> 2020	3'2"	30'	23'	74'	Lawrence Douglas Co.	Tower Properties Lawrence	Jon Standing Lawrence
Apricot, common <i>Prunus armeniaca</i> 2017	8'c	34'	47'	142	Lawrence Douglas Co.	Charlotte Neese Lawrence	Larry & Cathy Alcorn Lawrence
Arborvitae, oriental <i>Platycladus orientalis</i> 2018	12'2"	49'	43'	206	Wichita Sedgewick Co.	City of Wichita Wichita	Tim McDonnell Haysville
Ash, green <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i> 2014	15'6"	90'	85'	298	Olathe Johnson Co.	City of Olathe Olathe	Rick Spurgeon Olathe
Ash, white <i>Fraxinus americana</i> 2023	10'3"	73'	34'	205	Belle Plaine Sumner Co.	Bartlett Arboretum Belle Plaine	Kyle Robinson Wichita
Aspen, quaking <i>Populus tremuloides</i> 2018	4'9"	54'	38'	121	Topeka Shawnee Co.	Verlin and Lois Jones Topeka	Doug Grimm Hiawatha
Baldcypress, common <i>Taxodium distichum</i> 2017	19'4"	69'	55'	315	Herington Dickinson Co.	City of Herington Herington	Todd Elliott Herington
Basswood, American <i>Tilia Americana</i> 2017	19'10"d	92'	57'	344	Lawrence Douglas Co.	University of Kansas Lawrence	Jon Standing Lawrence
Beech, American <i>Fagus grandifolia</i> 2018	9'11"	62'	68'	198	Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	University of St. Mary's Leavenworth	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
Birch, paper <i>Betula papyrifera</i> 2009	5'3"	47'	47'	122	Leawood Johnson Co.	Phillip Jackson Leawood	Chuck Brasher Kansas City, MO
Birch, river <i>Betula nigra</i> 2019	17'e	60'	69'	281	Prairie Village Johnson Co.	Marc Benson Prairie Village	Tree Board Prairie Village
Boxelder <i>Acer negundo</i> 2018	13'11"c	38'	41'	215	Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	Daniel & Maria Boldridge Pasadena	Jack Smith Lansing
Buckeye, Ohio <i>Aesculus glabra</i> 2016	8'9"b	50'	40"	165	Manhattan Riley Co.	Kansas State University Manhattan	Ray Keen Manhattan
Buckeye, red <i>Aesculus pavia</i> 2020	2'3"b	22'	24'	55	Baldwin City Douglas Co.	Baker University Baldwin City	Jon Standing Lawrence
Buckeye, Texas <i>Aesculus glabra var. arguta</i> 2018	5'4"	41'	38'	113	Olpe Lyon Co.	Scott & Carol Ritchie Wichita	Scott Ritchie Wichita
Bumelia, gum <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> 2025	7'8"	55'	63'	163	Fairway Johnson Co.	----- Fairway	Blaine Stroble Manhattan
Burningbush, eastern <i>Euonymus atropurpurea</i> 2018	6'	38'	44'	121	Wichita Sedgwick Co.	Botanica Wichita Gardens Wichita	Craig Beaver Wichita
Butternut <i>Juglans cinerea</i> 2018	8'11"d	48'	41'	165	Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	Sisters of Charity Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
Catalpa, northern <i>Catalpa speciosa</i> 2015	22'5"	60'	79	349	Holton Jackson Co.	Gregg Moser Holton	Doug Grimm Hiawatha
Catalpa, southern <i>Catalpa bignonioides</i> 2022	15'9"	70'	41'	269	St. Marys Pottawatomie Co.	Pat McKenzie St Marys	Pat McKenzie St Marys
Cedar, incense <i>Calocedrus decurrens</i> 2019	6'8"	41'	24'	127	Hays Ellis Co.	James Mindrup Hays	Jim Strine Hays
Cedar, incense <i>Calocedrus decurrens</i> 2023	5'3"	58'	40'	131	Belle Plaine Sumner Co.	Bartlett Arboretum Belle Plaine	Mike Martin Andover
Cedar, northern white <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> 2015	9'3"	42'	32'	161	Willowdale Kingman Co.	Ron Goertz Wichita	Mike Blair Pratt
Cherry, black <i>Prunus serotina</i> 2017	17'1"b	62'	62"	283	Overland Park Johnson Co.	Church of the Holy Cross Overland Park	Jan Oakes Overland Park
Coffeetree, Kentucky <i>Gymnocladus dioica</i> 2021	11'11"	100'	74'	262	Fort Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	US Army Fort Leavenworth	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
Cottonwood, eastern* <i>Populus deltoides</i> spp. <i>deltoides</i> 2015	37'7"	70	148	558	Studley Sheridan Co.	Opal Davis Trust Hoxie	Jim Davis Studley
Cottonwood, narrowleaf <i>Populus angustifolia</i>	3'4"	37'	17'	81	St. Francis Cheyenne Co.	Bonnie Zwegardt St. Francis	Bonnie Zwegardt St. Francis

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2015							
Cottonwood, plains <i>Populus deltoides</i> spp. <i>monilifera</i>	28'2"	96'	106'	461	Plevna Reno Co.	Joseph Horton Plevna	Jim Smith Hutchinson
2017							
Dogwood, flowering <i>Cornus florida</i>	5'8"a	30'	41'	108	Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	Veteran's Affairs Medical Center Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
2018							
Elm, American <i>Ulmus americana</i>	21'5"	80'	104'	363	Savonburg Bourbon Co.	Bolinger Trust Pittsburg	Reggie Bolinger Pittsburg
2018							
Elm, rock <i>Ulmus thomasi</i>	4'3"	39'	34'	99	Lawrence Douglas Co.	University of Kansas Lawrence	Jon Standing Lawrence
2013							
Elm, Siberian <i>Ulmus pumila</i>	16'2"	90'	103'	310	Mission Hills Johnson Co.	K.C. Country Club Mission Hills	Chuck Brasher Kansas City, MO
2015							
Elm, slippery <i>Ulmus rubra</i>	12'7"	70'	76'	240	Lansing Leavenworth Co.	Great Life Golf/Fitness Center Lansing	Jack Smith Lansing
2019							
Fir, balsam <i>Abies balsamea</i>	3'8"	46'	24'	96	Baldwin City Douglas Co.	Baker University Baldwin City	Jon Standing Lawrence
2020							
Fir, Douglas <i>Psuedotsuga menziesii</i>	6'9"	79'	33'	168	Fort Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	US Army Fort Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
2011							
Fir, white <i>Abies concolor</i>	7'11"	61'	35'	165	Bonner Springs Wyandotte Co.	Deborah Graber Bonner Springs	Mrs. W.J. Kern Lawrence
2015							
Fringe tree, American <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	8'd	34'	42'	142	Shawnee Shawnee Co.	City of Topeka Topeka	Jon Standing Lawrence
2022							
Ginkgo <i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	19'2"	80'	94'	334	Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	Jon & Jana Goodman Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
2018							
Hackberry, common <i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	15'11"	85'	92'	293	Lawrence Douglas Co.	Leonard Holladay Lawrence	Jon Standing Lawrence
2018							
Hawthorn, downy <i>Crataegus mollis</i>	7'3"b	31'	39'	128	Lansing Leavenworth Co.	Great Life Golf/Fitness Center Lansing	Jack Smith Lansing
2011							
Hazelnut, Turkish <i>Corylus colurna</i>	5'1"	39'	35'	109	Leawood Johnson Co.	Curt Ketzner Leawood	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
2018							
Hemlock, eastern <i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	10'8"	49'	42'	188	Shawnee Johnson Co.	City of Shawnee Shawnee	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
2017							
Hemlock, eastern <i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	9'2"b	70'	48'	192	Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	Kevin & June Bond Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
2017							
Hickory, bittersweet <i>Carya cordiformis</i>	11'3"	103'	66'	254	Fort Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	US Army Fort Leavenworth	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
2017							
Hickory, black <i>Carya texana</i>	8'11"	73'	58'	195	Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	City of Leavenworth Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
2019							
Hickory, shagbark <i>Carya ovata</i>	9'3"	85'	68'	213	Lawrence Douglas Co.	City of Lawrence Lawrence	Jon Standing Lawrence
2021							
Hickory, shellbark <i>Carya laciniosa</i>	12'2"	109'	79'	275	Altamont Labette Co.	Mark Piper Parsons	Jack Rowland Parsons
2019							
Holly, American <i>Ilex opaca</i>	7'10"e	45'	31'	147	Bonner Springs Wyandotte Co.	Deborah Graber Bonner Springs	Bob Rose Lawrence
2017							
Holly, American <i>Ilex opaca</i>	7'8"b	48'	37'	149	Lawrence Douglas Co.	Richard Kupper Overland Park	Jon Standing Lawrence
2017							
Honeylocust <i>Geditsia traicanthos</i>	22'6"	73'	80'	363	Wathena Doniphan Co.	Ron Gabriel Wathena	Doug Grimm Hiawatha
2021							
Hophornbeam, eastern <i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	2'10"	70'	20'	109	Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	City of Leavenworth Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
2009							
Hornbeam, American <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	4'b	40'	41'	98	Haysville Sedgwick Co.	Kansas State University Manhattan	Tim McDonnell Belle Plaine

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2023 Horse-chestnut <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	12'2"	65'	76'	230	Manhattan Riley Co.	Kansas State University Manhattan	Jack Smith Lansing
2016 Jujube, common <i>Ziziphus jujube</i>	5'10"	45'	36'	124	Prairie Village Johnson Co.	City of Prairie Village Prairie Village	Prairie Village Board Prairie Village
2020 Juniper, Common* <i>Juniperus communis</i>	7'6"	44'	33'	142	Fort Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	US Army Fort Leavenworth	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
2018 Juniper, Rocky Mountain <i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>	3'9"	37'	24'	88	Hill City Graham Co.	Virgil Higer Hill City	Jon Standing Lawrence
2015 Juniper, Rocky Mountain <i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>	4'	28'	37'	85	Belle Plaine Sumner Co.	Bartlett Arboretum Belle Plaine	Hillside Nursery Wichita
2023 Larch, European <i>Larix decidua</i>	3'7"	57'	26'	106	Westwood Johnson Co.	Lou Wetel Westwood	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
2008 Lilac, Japanese Tree <i>Syringa reticulata</i>	5'8"	23'	28'	98	Lawrence Douglas Co.	City of Lawrence Lawrence	Jon Standing Lawrence
2021 Linden, littleleaf <i>Tilia cordata</i>	17'4" d	47'	50'	266	Topeka Shawnee Co.	City of Topeka Topeka	Jon Standing Lawrence
2023 Locust, black <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	12'4"	70'	56'	232	Baldwin City Douglas Co.	Robert & Susan Kruger Baldwin City	Jon Standing Lawrence
2016 Magnolia, bigleaf <i>Magnolia macrophylla</i>	5'6" e	30'	32'	98	Mission Hills Johnson Co.	Lyndon Chamberlin Mission Hills	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
2015 Magnolia, cucumbertree <i>Magnolia acuminata</i>	12'	69'	75'	232	Fort Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	Department of Veterans Affairs Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
2019 Magnolia, southern <i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	8'8" a	45'	52'	162	Independence Montgomery Co.	Ken Dobrinski Independence	Jesse Gilmore Girard
2024 Maple, amur <i>Acer ginnala</i>	5'8" e	24'	32'	100	Baldwin City Douglas Co.	Baker University Baldwin City	Jon Standing Lawrence
2020 Maple, black <i>Acer nigrum</i>	7'7"	46'	51'	150	Osage City Osage Co.	Dennis & Peggy Fort Osage City	Doug Chase Osage City
2017 Maple, Norway <i>Acer platanoides</i>	8'1"	59'	51'	168	Hiawatha Brown Co.	Dugan & Stacie Shoemaker Hiawatha	Doug Grimm Hiawatha
2018 Maple, red <i>Acer rubrum</i>	10'11"	81'	70'	229	Wathena Doniphan Co.	Barbara Derrick Wathena	Doug Grimm Hiawatha
2018 Maple, silver <i>Acer saccharinum</i>	25'6"	75'	59'	390	Stilwell Johnson Co.	Timberlake Girl Scout Camp Stilwell	Frank Shoemaker Olathe
2017 Maple, sugar <i>Acer saccharum</i>	12'1"	68'	62'	229	Tecumseh Shawnee Co.	William Norwood Lecompton	Leo Pellant Tecumseh
2020 Mulberry, red <i>Morus rubra</i>	20'4"	48'	64'	308	Newton Harvey Co.	Brett & Michelle Roufs Newton	Mary Clark Hutchinson
2016 Mulberry, white <i>Morus alba</i>	21'5"	54'	69'	328	Mound City Linn Co.	Casey's Retail Corporation Ankeny, IA	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
2019 Oak, black <i>Quercus velutina</i>	13'6"	88'	64'	266	Kansas City Wyandotte Co.	Terra Siebert Kansas City	Terra Siebert Kansas City
2017 Oak, black <i>Quercus velutina</i>	14'11"	70'	73'	267	Lecompton Douglas Co.	City of Lecompton Lecompton	Jon Standing Lawrence
2021 Oak, blackjack <i>Quercus marilandica</i>	9'2"	53'	57'	177	Anderson Co. Anderson Co.	Pat Wittry & Keith Hermreck Garnett	Howard Freerksen Lebo
2021 Oak, bur <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	20'7"	93'	89'	362	St. George Pottawatomie Co.	Roger & Winnie Sharp St. George	Roger & Winnie Sharp St. George
2017 Oak, cherrybark <i>Quercus pagoda</i>	8'11"	83'	71'	208	Overland Park Johnson Co.	City of Overland Park Overland Park	Bob Haines Overland Park

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2011							
Oak, chestnut <i>Quercus montana</i>	11'10"	74'	67'	232	Manhattan Riley Co.	Beverly Crawforth Manhattan	Mark Mayfield Manhattan
2016							
Oak, chinkapin <i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	13'11"	76'	92'	266	Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	City of Leavenworth Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
2018							
Oak, dwarf chinkapin <i>Quercus prinoides</i>	3'8"	21'	16'	69	Brown Co. Brown Co.	Weldon & Joni Aue Morrill	Doug Grimm Hiawatha
2018							
Oak, eastern white <i>Quercus alba</i>	19'8"	70'	74'	325	Fort Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	US Army Fort Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
2019							
Oak, English <i>Quercus robur</i>	12'5"	74'	74'	242	Prairie Village Johnson Co.	Lindsay & Skip Voitik Prairie Village	PV Tree Board Prairie Village
2023							
Oak, laurel <i>Quercus laurifolia</i>	8'7"	51'	40'	164	Waterloo Kingman Co.	John Riggs Lindsborg	Robert Atchison Manhattan
2019							
Oak, northern red <i>Quercus rubra</i>	15'8"	112'	73'	319	Denison Jackson Co.	Richard Coleman Denison	Richard Coleman Denison
2016							
Oak, overcup <i>Quercus lyrata</i>	12'1"	74'	90'	241	Prairie Village Johnson Co.	Sandrine Salas Prairie Village	Doug Chase Osage City
2018							
Oak, pin <i>Quercus palustris</i>	16'2"	91'	85'	306	Lansing Leavenworth Co.	Great Life Fitness Leavenworth	Jon Standing Lawrence
2021							
Oak, post <i>Quercus stellata</i>	12'5" c	60'	62'	225	Overland Park Johnson Co.	Arboretum and Gardens Overland Park	Jon Standing Lawrence
2020							
Oak, scarlet <i>Quercus coccinea</i>	7'1"	60'	52'	158	Olathe Johnson Co.	Joseph Hornick Olathe	Joseph Hornick Olathe
2023							
Oak, shingle <i>Quercus imbricaria</i>	13'6"	80'	90'	264	Overland Park Johnson Co.	Family Tree Nursery Overland Park	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
2016							
Oak, shumard <i>Quercus shumardii</i>	15'3"	105'	84'	309	Yates Center Woodson Co.	Dan & Beth Clarke Yates Center	Dan & Beth Clarke Yates Center
2000							
Oak, southern red <i>Quercus falcata</i>	10'1"	76'	87'	219	Belle Plaine Sumner Co.	Bartlett Arboretum Belle Plaine	Mike Hepperly
2023							
Oak, swamp chestnut <i>Quercus michauxii</i>	4'2"	50'	40'	110	Tonganoxie Leavenworth Co.	Lynn Paul Tonganoxie	Fred Leimkuhler
2009							
Oak, swamp white <i>Quercus bicolor</i>	12'11'	99'	102'	280	Prairie Village Johnson Co.	Ed Nelson Prairie Village	Prairie Village Board Prairie Village
2020							
Oak, Texas red <i>Quercus texana</i>	15'9"	69'	105'	284	Topeka Shawnee Co.	City of Topeka Topeka	Doug Chase Osage City
2016							
Oak, water <i>Quercus nigra</i>	13'8"	77'	96'	265	Pittsburg Crawford Co.	Pittsburg State University Pittsburg	Jacob Weber Columbus
2024							
Oak, willow <i>Quercus phellos</i>	13'0"	87'	74'	262	Topeka Shawnee Co.	City of Topeka Topeka	Max Morris Wichita
2016							
Osage-orange <i>Maclura pomifera</i>	21'5" d	63'	85'	341	Parsons Labette Co.	Joe Moore Parsons	Jesse Gilmore Parsons
2022							
Pagoda tree, Japanese <i>Styphnolobium japonicum</i>	15'1"	54'	61'	250	Lawrence Douglas Co	Stephen & Marcia Hill Lawrence	Jon Standing Lawrence
2018							
Paulownia, royal <i>Paulownia tomentosa</i>	10'6"	47'	43'	184	Atchison Atchison Co.	Benedictine College Atchison	Jack Smith Lansing
2020							
Pawpaw, common <i>Asimina triloba</i>	1'9"	30'	20'	56	Baldwin City Franklin Co.	Doug & Lisa Neis Wellsville	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
2022							
Pear, common <i>Pyrus communis</i>	7'	46'	47'	142	Belle Plaine Sumner Co.	Bartlett Arboretum Belle Plaine	Mary Gourlay Belle Plaine
2023							
Pecan <i>Carya illinoensis</i>	17'4"	139'	122'	378	Fort Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	US Army Fort Leavenworth	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park

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2017							
Persimmon, common <i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	8'11"	43'	26'	157	Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	Dona Powell Leavenworth	Jack Smith
2015							
Pine, Austrian <i>Pinus nigra</i>	9'10"	61'	57'	193	Garden City Finney Co.	Lee Richardson Zoo Garden City	Kris Aronson Kinsley
2021							
Pine, Austrian <i>Pinus nigra</i>	10'4"	58'	56'	198	Cottonwood Falls Chase Co.	City of Cottonwood Falls Cottonwood Falls	Skyler Delmott Emporia
2023							
Pine, eastern white <i>Pinus strobus</i>	13'8"	50'	135'	248	Robinson Brown Co.	Vie and Van Koeller Robinson	Doug Grimm Hiawatha
2021							
Pine, jack <i>Pinus banksiana</i>	4'5"	42'	36'	104	Olathe Johnson Co.	City of Olathe Olathe	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
2018							
Pine, limber <i>Pinus flexilis</i>	5'5"	39'	38'	114	Seguin Sheridan Co.	Seguin Cemetery Seguin	Jim Strine Hays
2015							
Pine, loblolly <i>Pinus taeda</i>	11'	80'	55'	226	Belle Plaine Sumner Co.	Bartlett Arboretum Belle Plaine	Robin Macy Belle Plaine
2023							
Pine, loblolly <i>Pinus taeda</i>	10'"	93'	46'	225	Waterloo Kingman Co.	John Riggs Lindsborg	Bob Atchison Manhattan
2019							
Pine, Pinyon <i>Pinus edulis</i>	6'c	38'	31'	118	Cimarron Gray Co.	USD #102 Cimarron	Kris Aronson Kinsley
2021							
Pine, pitch <i>Pinus rigida</i>	6'6"	55'	75'	152	Fort Scott Bourbon Co.	Jim Vergiver Fort Scott	Ralph Carlson Fort Scott
2011							
Pine, pitch <i>Pinus rigida</i>	8'2"	48'	41'	156	Topeka Shawnee Co.	City of Topeka Topeka	Tom Hammer Topeka
2023							
Pine, ponderosa <i>Pinus ponderosa</i> var. <i>ponderosa</i>	10'4"	77'	50'	214	Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	Rob & Candace Arnold Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
2019							
Pine, red <i>Pinus resinosa</i>	4'10"	43'	25'	107	Hiawatha Brown Co.	Julia & Pete Rosea Hiawatha	Kim Bomberger Manhattan
2018							
Pine, Scotch <i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	11'	49'	47'	193	Shawnee Johnson Co.	City of Shawnee Shawnee	Jared Lind Shawnee
2017							
Pine, shortleaf <i>Pinus echinata</i>	5'7"	80'	40'	157	Belle Plaine Sumner Co.	Bartlett Arboretum Belle Plaine	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
2023							
Pine, southwestern white <i>Pinus strobiformis</i>	6'1"	66'	30'	147	Garden City Finney Co.	City of Garden City Garden City	Mike Ramsey Garden City
2018							
Pine, southwestern white <i>Pinus strobiformis</i>	6'2"c	63'	25'	143	Garden City Finney Co.	City of Garden City Garden City	Alan Geier Garden City
2018							
Pine, Virginia <i>Pinus virginiana</i>	4'7"	68'	32'	131	Olathe Johnson Co.	Rob Johnson Olathe	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
2023							
Poplar, white <i>Populus alba</i>	16'3"	64'	70'	277	Ottawa Co. Franklin	Sandy & Mark Barnes Osage City	Dennis Everett Louisburg
2021							
Redbud, eastern <i>Cercis canadensis</i>	10'6"e	28'	41'	164	Lawrence Douglas Co.	Mark Reiske Lawrence	Jon Standing Lawrence
2020							
Redbud, eastern <i>Cercis canadensis</i>	11'e	23'	46'	167	Lenexa Johnson Co.	Brian Laird Lenexa	Tiffany Lewis Lenexa
2024							
Redcedar, eastern <i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	12'3"	63'	37'	219	Wilson County Wilson Co.	Jack Forslund Neodesha	Jack Forslund Neodesha
2014							
Redcedar, eastern <i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	13'7"	44'	43'	218	Baldwin City Douglas Co.	City of Baldwin City Baldwin City	Jon Standing Lawrence
2013							
Redwood, dawn <i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	6'11"	82'	48'	177	Pittsburg Crawford Co.	City of Pittsburg Pittsburg	Ryan Armbrust Manhattan
2024							
Redwood, dawn <i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	6'6"	81'	58'	174	Belle Plaine Sumner Co.	Bartlett Arboretum Belle Plaine	Jared Doran Olathe

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Species and Last Year Measured	CC	H	CS	Total	Location	Owner	Nominator
2023							
Sassafras <i>Sassafras albidum</i> 2021	7'1"	52'	38'	146	Tonganoxie Leavenworth Co.	Scott & Susan Hallstrom Merriam	Jack Smith Lansing
Silverbell, Carolina <i>Halesia Carolina</i> 2020	3'b	28'	29'	71	Olathe Johnson Co.	City of Olathe Olathe	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
Smoketree, American <i>Cotinus obovatus</i> 2020	8'3"	36'	27'	142	Great Bend Barton Co.	Stan & Kathy Lamb Great Bend	Stan & Kathy Lamb Great Bend
Soapberry, western <i>Sapindus saponaria var. drummondii</i> 2018	11'4"c	43'	56'	193	Olathe Johnson Co.	Olathe Retail Partners Topeka	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
Spruce, blue <i>Picea pungens</i> 2019	9'5"	71'	32'	192	Hays Ellis Co.	Fort Hays State University Hays	Nancy Shaver Salina
Spruce, Norway <i>Picea abies</i> 2018	14'3"	74'	64'	261	Ft. Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	US Army Fort Leavenworth	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
Spruce, white <i>Picea glauca</i> 2019	5'8"	50'	35'	127	Leavenworth Country Club Leavenworth Co.	Leavenworth Country Club Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
Sugarberry <i>Celtis laevigata</i> 2016	14'7"	66'	49'	253	Topeka Shawnee Co.	City of Topeka Topeka	Tom Hammer Topeka
Sweetgum <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> 2014	10'8"	87'	94'	239	Leawood Johnson Co.	Ron and Pat Woelk Leawood	Ken O'Dell Paola
Sycamore, American <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> 2022	22'1"	130'	110'	423	Rural Franklin Co. Franklin Co.	Doug & Lisa Neis Wellsville	Steve Hobson Jefferson City
Tupelo, black <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> 2018	7'4"	40'	34'	37	Prairie Village Johnson Co.	Megan Dum Prairie Village	Chuck Brasher Kansas City
Walnut, black <i>Juglans nigra</i> 2021	19'	83'	92'	334	De Soto Johnson Co.	Dave Penny Lawrence	Stan Roth Lawrence
Walnut, little <i>Juglans macrocarpa</i> 2016	11'4"	65'	89'	223	Wilmore Comanche Co.	Ed Koger Wilmore	Ed Koger Wilmore
Willow, black <i>Salix nigra</i> 2007	10'4"	80'	54'	218	Morrill Brown Co.	Marvin Moore Morrill	Doug Grimm Hiawatha
Willow, peachleaf <i>Salix amygdaloides</i> 2017	10'b	42'	46'	174	Sharon Springs Wallace Co.	City of Sharon Springs Sharon Springs	Jim Strine Hays
Willow, weeping <i>Salix babylonica</i> 2024	17'4"c	60'	53'	281	Pittsburg Crawford Co.	Vern Morton Pittsburg	Vern Morton Pittsburg
Yellow-poplar, tuliptree <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> 2019	17'5"	107'	67'	333	Lansing Leavenworth Co.	Mt. Muncie Cemetery Lansing	Jack Smith Lansing
Yellowwood <i>Cladrastis kentukea</i> 2018	8'3"	40'	45'	150	Lawrence Douglas Co.	John Davis Lawrence	Jon Standing Lawrence
Zelkova, Japanese <i>Zelkova serrata</i> 2022	11'b	48'	56'	194	Topeka Shawnee Co.	City of Topeka Topeka	Jon Standing Lawrence

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Photographing Champion Trees

Photos help to identify the species and educate species identification. If considering a tree nomination, please send photos. That national list requires 6 photos with a submission: 1. Entire tree from base to tip with a point of reference such as a person, fence, or building. 2. Four photos – one from each cardinal direction that covers the tree base to 8' or above. 3. Entire tree from base to tip with circumference measuring tape in place and a reference object for scale.

Your help is needed to locate and document outstanding trees. If you know of a potential champion tree, please bring it to our attention. You may use the nomination form on the back page. Your nomination will be officially measured and recorded, and the results will be forwarded to you.

National Champions

The following state champion trees are also national champions and appear in the American Forests 2021 National Register of Big Trees: Eastern Cottonwood, and Common Juniper. They are designated as a national champion with an asterisk.

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