

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>Sideroxylon lanuginosum</i> 2018	7'2"	39'	37'	134	Wichita Sedgewick Co.	City of Wichita Wichita	Thane Rogers Wichita
Burningbush, eastern <i>Euonymus atropurpurea</i> 2018	6'	38'	44'	121	Wichita Sedgewick 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 dioicus</i> 2021	11'11"	100'	74'	262	Fort Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	US Army Fort Leavenworth	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park

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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> 2015	3'4"	37'	17'	81	St. Francis Cheyenne Co.	Bonnie Zweygardt St. Francis	Bonnie Zweygardt St. Francis
Cottonwood, plains <i>Populus deltoides</i> spp. <i>monilifera</i> 2017	28'2"	96'	106'	461	Plevna Reno Co.	Joseph Horton Plevna	Jim Smith Hutchinson
Dogwood, flowering <i>Cornus florida</i> 2018	5'8"a	30'	41'	108	Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	Veteran's Affairs Medical Center Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
Elm, American <i>Ulmus americana</i> 2018	21'5"	80'	104'	363	Savonburg Bourbon Co.	Bolinger Trust Pittsburg	Reggie Bolinger Pittsburg
Elm, rock <i>Ulmus thomasii</i> 2013	4'3"	39'	34'	99	Lawrence Douglas Co.	University of Kansas Lawrence	Jon Standing Lawrence
Elm, Siberian <i>Ulmus pumila</i> 2015	16'2"	90'	103'	310	Mission Hills Johnson Co.	K.C. Country Club Mission Hills	Chuck Brasher Kansas City, MO
Elm, slippery <i>Ulmus rubra</i> 2019	12'7"	70'	76'	240	Lansing Leavenworth Co.	Great Life Golf/Fitness Center Lansing	Jack Smith Lansing
Fir, balsam <i>Abies balsamea</i> 2020	3'8"	46'	24'	96	Baldwin City Douglas Co.	Baker University Baldwin City	Jon Standing Lawrence
Fir, Douglas <i>Psuedotsuga menziesii</i> 2011	6'9"	79'	33'	168	Fort Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	US Army Fort Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
Fir, white <i>Abies concolor</i> 2015	7'11"	61'	35'	165	Bonner Springs Wyandotte Co.	Deborah Graber Bonner Springs	Mrs. W.J. Kern Lawrence
Fringe tree, American <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i> 2022	8'd	34'	42'	142	Shawnee Shawnee Co.	City of Topeka Topeka	Jon Standing Lawrence
Ginkgo <i>Ginkgo biloba</i> 2018	19'2"	80'	94'	334	Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	Jon & Jana Goodman Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
Hackberry, common <i>Celtis occidentalis</i> 2018	15'11"	85'	92'	293	Lawrence Douglas Co.	Leonard Holladay Lawrence	Jon Standing Lawrence
Hawthorn, downy <i>Crataegus mollis</i> 2011	7'3"b	31'	39'	128	Lansing Leavenworth Co.	Great Life Golf/Fitness Center Lansing	Jack Smith Lansing
Hazelnut, Turkish <i>Corylus colurna</i> 2018	5'1"	39'	35'	109	Leawood Johnson Co.	Curt Ketzner Leawood	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
Hemlock, eastern <i>Tsuga canadensis</i> 2017	10'8"	49'	42'	188	Shawnee Johnson Co.	City of Shawnee Shawnee	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
Hemlock, eastern <i>Tsuga canadensis</i> 2017	9'2"b	70'	48'	192	Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	Kevin & June Bond Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
Hickory, bittersweet <i>Carya cordiformis</i> 2017	11'3"	103'	66'	254	Fort Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	US Army Fort Leavenworth	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
Hickory, black <i>Carya texana</i> 2019	8'11"	73'	58'	195	Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	City of Leavenworth Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
Hickory, shagbark <i>Carya ovata</i> 2021	9'3"	85'	68'	213	Lawrence Douglas Co.	City of Lawrence Lawrence	Jon Standing Lawrence
Hickory, shellbark <i>Carya laciniosa</i> 2019	12'2"	109'	79'	275	Altamont Labette Co.	Mark Piper Parsons	Jack Rowland Parsons
Holly, American <i>Ilex opaca</i> 2017	7'10"e	45'	31'	147	Bonner Springs Wyandotte Co.	Deborah Graber Bonner Springs	Bob Rose Lawrence
Holly, American <i>Ilex opaca</i> 2017	7'8"b	48'	37'	149	Lawrence Douglas Co.	Richard Kupper Overland Park	Jon Standing Lawrence
Honeylocust <i>Geditsia traicanthos</i> 2021	22'6"	73'	80'	363	Wathena Doniphan Co.	Ron Gabriel Wathena	Doug Grimm Hiawatha

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Hophornbeam, eastern <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> 2009	2'10"	70'	20'	109	Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	City of Leavenworth Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
Hornbeam, American <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> 2023	4'b	40'	41'	98	Haysville Sedgwick Co.	Kansas State University Manhattan	Tim McDonnell Belle Plaine
Horse-chestnut <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i> 2016	12'2"	65'	76'	230	Manhattan Riley Co.	Kansas State University Manhattan	Jack Smith Lansing
Jujube, common <i>Ziziphus jujube</i> 2020	5'10"	45'	36'	124	Prairie Village Johnson Co.	City of Prairie Village Prairie Village	Prairie Village Board Prairie Village
Juniper, Common* <i>Juniperus communis</i> 2018	7'6"	44'	33'	142	Fort Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	US Army Fort Leavenworth	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
Juniper, Rocky Mountain <i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> 2015	3'9"	37'	24'	88	Hill City Graham Co.	Virgil Higer Hill City	Jon Standing Lawrence
Juniper, Rocky Mountain <i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> 2023	4'	28'	37'	85	Belle Plaine Sumner Co.	Bartlett Arboretum Belle Plaine	Hillside Nursery Wichita
Larch, European <i>Larix decidua</i> 2008	3'7"	57'	26'	106	Westwood Johnson Co.	Lou Wetel Westwood	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
Lilac, Japanese Tree <i>Syringa reticulata</i> 2021	5'8"	23'	28'	98	Lawrence Douglas Co.	City of Lawrence Lawrence	Jon Standing Lawrence
Linden, littleleaf <i>Tilia cordata</i> 2023	17'4"d	47'	50'	266	Topeka Shawnee Co.	City of Topeka Topeka	Jon Standing Lawrence
Locust, black <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> 2016	12'4"	70'	56'	232	Baldwin City Douglas Co.	Robert & Susan Kruger Baldwin City	Jon Standing Lawrence
Magnolia, bigleaf <i>Magnolia macrophylla</i> 2015	5'6"e	30'	32'	98	Mission Hills Johnson Co.	Lyndon Chamberlin Mission Hills	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
Magnolia, cucumbertree <i>Magnolia acuminata</i> 2019	12'	69'	75'	232	Fort Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	Department of Veterans Affairs Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
Magnolia, southern <i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> 2024	8'8"a	45'	52'	162	Independence Montgomery Co.	Ken Dobrinski Independence	Jesse Gilmore Girard
Maple, amur <i>Acer ginnala</i> 2020	5'8"e	24'	32'	100	Baldwin City Douglas Co.	Baker University Baldwin City	Jon Standing Lawrence
Maple, black <i>Acer nigrum</i> 2017	7'7"	46'	51'	150	Osage City Osage Co.	Dennis & Peggy Fort Osage City	Doug Chase Osage City
Maple, Norway <i>Acer platanoides</i> 2018	8'1"	59'	51'	168	Hiawatha Brown Co.	Dugan & Stacie Shoemaker Hiawatha	Doug Grimm Hiawatha
Maple, red <i>Acer rubrum</i> 2018	10'11"	81'	70'	229	Wathena Doniphan Co.	Barbara Derrick Wathena	Doug Grimm Hiawatha
Maple, silver <i>Acer saccharinum</i> 2017	25'6"	75'	59'	390	Stilwell Johnson Co.	Timberlake Girl Scout Camp Stilwell	Frank Shoemaker Olathe
Maple, sugar <i>Acer saccharum</i> 2020	12'1"	68'	62'	229	Tecumseh Shawnee Co.	William Norwood Lecompton	Leo Pellant Tecumseh
Mulberry, red <i>Morus rubra</i> 2016	20'4"	48'	64'	308	Newton Harvey Co.	Brett & Michelle Roufs Newton	Mary Clark Hutchinson
Mulberry, white <i>Morus alba</i> 2019	21'5"	54'	69'	328	Mound City Linn Co.	Casey's Retail Corporation Ankeny, IA	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
Oak, black <i>Quercus velutina</i> 2017	13'6"	88'	64'	266	Kansas City Wyandotte Co.	Terra Siebert Kansas City	Terra Siebert Kansas City
Oak, black <i>Quercus velutina</i> 2021	14'11"	70'	73'	267	Lecompton Douglas Co.	City of Lecompton Lecompton	Jon Standing Lawrence
Oak, blackjack <i>Quercus marilandica</i> 2021	9'2"	53'	57'	177	Anderson Co. Anderson Co.	Pat Wittry & Keith Hermreck Garnett	Howard Freerksen Lebo

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Oak, bur <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> 2017	20'7"	93'	89'	362	St. George Pottawatomie Co.	Roger & Winnie Sharp St. George	Roger & Winnie Sharp St. George
Oak, cherrybark <i>Quercus pagoda</i> 2011	8'11"	83'	71'	208	Overland Park Johnson Co.	City of Overland Park Overland Park	Bob Haines Overland Park
Oak, chestnut <i>Quercus montana</i> 2016	11'10"	74'	67'	232	Manhattan Riley Co.	Beverly Crawford Manhattan	Mark Mayfield Manhattan
Oak, chinkapin <i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i> 2018	13'11"	76'	92'	266	Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	City of Leavenworth Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
Oak, dwarf chinkapin <i>Quercus prinoides</i> 2018	3'8"	21'	16'	69	Brown Co. Brown Co.	Weldon & Joni Aue Morrill	Doug Grimm Hiawatha
Oak, eastern white <i>Quercus alba</i> 2019	19'8"	70'	74'	325	Fort Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	US Army Fort Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
Oak, English <i>Quercus robur</i> 2023	12'5"	74'	74'	242	Prairie Village Johnson Co.	Lindsay & Skip Voitik Prairie Village	PV Tree Board Prairie Village
Oak, laurel <i>Quercus laurifolia</i> 2019	8'7"	51'	40'	164	Waterloo Kingman Co.	John Riggs Lindsborg	Robert Atchison Manhattan
Oak, northern red <i>Quercus rubra</i> 2016	15'8"	112'	73'	319	Denison Jackson Co.	Richard Coleman Denison	Richard Coleman Denison
Oak, overcup <i>Quercus lyrata</i> 2018	12'1"	74'	90'	241	Prairie Village Johnson Co.	Sandrine Salas Prairie Village	Doug Chase Osage City
Oak, pin <i>Quercus palustris</i> 2021	16'2"	91'	85'	306	Lansing Leavenworth Co.	Great Life Fitness Leavenworth	Jon Standing Lawrence
Oak, post <i>Quercus stellata</i> 2020	12'5" c	60'	62'	225	Overland Park Johnson Co.	Arboretum and Gardens Overland Park	Jon Standing Lawrence
Oak, scarlet <i>Quercus coccinea</i> 2023	7'1"	60'	52'	158	Olathe Johnson Co.	Joseph Hornick Olathe	Joseph Hornick Olathe
Oak, shingle <i>Quercus imbricaria</i> 2016	13'6"	80'	90'	264	Overland Park Johnson Co.	Family Tree Nursery Overland Park	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
Oak, shumard <i>Quercus shumardii</i> 2000	15'3"	105'	84'	309	Yates Center Woodson Co.	Dan & Beth Clarke Yates Center	Dan & Beth Clarke Yates Center
Oak, southern red <i>Quercus falcata</i> 2023	10'1"	76'	87'	219	Belle Plaine Sumner Co.	Bartlett Arboretum Belle Plaine	Mike Hepperly
Oak, swamp chestnut <i>Quercus michauxii</i> 2009	4'2"	50'	40'	110	Tonganoxie Leavenworth Co.	Lynn Paul Tonganoxie	Fred Leimkuhler
Oak, swamp white <i>Quercus bicolor</i> 2020	12'11'	99'	102'	280	Prairie Village Johnson Co.	Ed Nelson Prairie Village	Prairie Village Board Prairie Village
Oak, Texas red <i>Quercus texana</i> 2016	15'9"	69'	105'	284	Topeka Shawnee Co.	City of Topeka Topeka	Doug Chase Osage City
Oak, water <i>Quercus nigra</i> 2024	13'8"	77'	96'	265	Pittsburg Crawford Co.	Pittsburg State University Pittsburg	Jacob Weber Columbus
Oak, willow <i>Quercus phellos</i> 2016	13'0"	87'	74'	262	Topeka Shawnee Co.	City of Topeka Topeka	Max Morris Wichita
Osage-orange <i>Maclura pomifera</i> 2022	21'5" d	63'	85'	341	Parsons Labette Co.	Joe Moore Parsons	Jesse Gilmore Parsons
Pagoda tree, Japanese <i>Styphnolobium japonicum</i> 2018	15'1"	54'	61'	250	Lawrence Douglas Co.	Stephen & Marcia Hill Lawrence	Jon Standing Lawrence
Paulownia, royal <i>Paulownia tomentosa</i> 2020	10'6"	47'	43'	184	Atchison Atchison Co.	Benedictine College Atchison	Jack Smith Lansing
Pawpaw, common <i>Asimina triloba</i> 2022	1'9"	30'	20'	56	Baldwin City Franklin Co.	Doug & Lisa Neis Wellsville	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park

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Pear, common <i>Pyrus communis</i> 2023	7'	46'	47'	142	Belle Plaine Sumner Co.	Bartlett Arboretum Belle Plaine	Mary Gourlay Belle Plaine
Pecan <i>Carya illinoensis</i> 2017	17'4"	139'	122'	378	Fort Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	US Army Fort Leavenworth	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
Persimmon, common <i>Diospyros virginiana</i> 2015	8'11"	43'	26'	157	Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	Dona Powell Leavenworth	Jack Smith
Pine, Austrian <i>Pinus nigra</i> 2021	9'10"	61'	57'	193	Garden City Finney Co.	Lee Richardson Zoo Garden City	Kris Aronson Kinsley
Pine, Austrian <i>Pinus nigra</i> 2023	10'4"	58'	56'	198	Cottonwood Falls Chase Co.	City of Cottonwood Falls Cottonwood Falls	Skyler Delmott Emporia
Pine, eastern white <i>Pinus strobus</i> 2021	13'8"	50'	135'	248	Robinson Brown Co.	Vie and Van Koeller Robinson	Doug Grimm Hiawatha
Pine, jack <i>Pinus banksiana</i> 2018	4'5"	42'	36'	104	Olathe Johnson Co.	City of Olathe Olathe	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
Pine, limber <i>Pinus flexilis</i> 2015	5'5"	39'	38'	114	Seguin Sheridan Co.	Seguin Cemetery Seguin	Jim Strine Hays
Pine, loblolly <i>Pinus taeda</i> 2023	11'	80'	55'	226	Belle Plaine Sumner Co.	Bartlett Arboretum Belle Plaine	Robin Macy Belle Plaine
Pine, loblolly <i>Pinus taeda</i> 2019	10'"	93'	46'	225	Waterloo Kingman Co.	John Riggs Lindsborg	Bob Atchison Manhattan
Pine, Pinyon <i>Pinus edulis</i> 2021	6'c	38'	31'	118	Cimarron Gray Co.	USD #102 Cimarron	Kris Aronson Kinsley
Pine, pitch <i>Pinus rigida</i> 2011	6'6"	55'	75'	152	Fort Scott Bourbon Co.	Jim Vergiver Fort Scott	Ralph Carlson Fort Scott
Pine, pitch <i>Pinus rigida</i> 2023	8'2"	48'	41'	156	Topeka Shawnee Co.	City of Topeka Topeka	Tom Hammer Topeka
Pine, ponderosa <i>Pinus ponderosa var. ponderosa</i> 2019	10'4"	77'	50'	214	Leavenworth Leavenworth Co.	Rob & Candace Arnold Leavenworth	Jack Smith Lansing
Pine, red <i>Pinus resinosa</i> 2018	4'10"	43'	25'	107	Hiawatha Brown Co.	Julia & Pete Rosea Hiawatha	Kim Bomberger Manhattan
Pine, Scotch <i>Pinus sylvestris</i> 2017	11'	49'	47'	193	Shawnee Johnson Co.	City of Shawnee Shawnee	Jared Lind Shawnee
Pine, shortleaf <i>Pinus echinata</i> 2023	5'7"	80'	40'	157	Belle Plaine Sumner Co.	Bartlett Arboretum Belle Plaine	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
Pine, southwestern white <i>Pinus strobiformis</i> 2018	6'1"	66'	30'	147	Garden City Finney Co.	City of Garden City Garden City	Mike Ramsey Garden City
Pine, southwestern white <i>Pinus strobiformis</i> 2018	6'2"c	63'	25'	143	Garden City Finney Co.	City of Garden City Garden City	Alan Geier Garden City
Pine, Virginia <i>Pinus virginiana</i> 2023	4'7"	68'	32'	131	Olathe Johnson Co.	Rob Johnson Olathe	Rick Spurgeon Overland Park
Poplar, white <i>Populus alba</i> 2021	16'3"	64'	70'	277	Ottawa Co. Franklin	Sandy & Mark Barnes Osage City	Dennis Everett Louisburg
Redbud, eastern <i>Cercis canadensis</i> 2020	10'6"e	28'	41'	164	Lawrence Douglas Co.	Mark Reiske Lawrence	Jon Standing Lawrence
Redcedar, eastern <i>Juniperus virginiana</i> 2014	12'3"	63'	37'	219	Wilson County Wilson Co.	Jack Forslund Neodesha	Jack Forslund Neodesha
Redcedar, eastern <i>Juniperus virginiana</i> 2013	13'7"	44'	43'	218	Baldwin City Douglas Co.	City of Baldwin City Baldwin City	Jon Standing Lawrence
Redwood, dawn <i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i> 2024	6'11"	82'	48'	177	Pittsburg Crawford Co.	City of Pittsburg Pittsburg	Ryan Armbrust Manhattan

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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

Circumference of trunk is measured at a height of 4.5 feet unless otherwise noted.

a – measured at 4' b – measured at 3' c – measured at 2' d – measured at 1' e – measured at base

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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