

# Big Old Tree Contest

Deadline for entering is April 1

Nashville Tree Foundation is sponsoring a Big Old Tree Contest to identify the oldest and largest trees of several species in Nashville and Davidson County, including but not limited to:

Ash	Dogwood	Black Locust	Red Oak	Domestic Plum
Beech	Ginkgo	White Locust	White Oak	Tulip Poplar
Ohio Buckeye	Black Gum	Magnolia	Osage Orange	Yellow Poplar
Southern Catalpa	Sweet Gum	Red Maple	Pawpaw	Eastern Redbud
Elm	Hackberry	Sugar Maple	Pecan	Sassafras
Red Cedar	Butternut Hickory	Red Mulberry	Common Persimmon	Spruce
Black Cherry	Shag Bark Hickory	White Mulberry	White Pine	Sycamore
Cottonwood	American Holly	Pin Oak	Yellow Pine	Black Walnut

## High Tree Party

A High Tree Party will be held in honor of the oldest and biggest trees in April at the site of one of the winners as selected by Nashville Tree Foundation. Invitations will be mailed to owners and nominators of all entries.

## How to enter

Search for old and big trees. Make your best guess or see instructions for measuring on the back.

**Don't worry about being exact — our experts will remeasure all entries.**

Complete as much of the form below as possible and mail to:

Nashville Tree Foundation, 314 Page Road, Nashville TN 37205 or fax to 269-4857.

## Big Old Tree Contest Entry Form

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Species: Common name \_\_\_\_\_ Scientific name \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Circumference  $4\frac{1}{2}$  above ground \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Crown spread \_\_\_\_\_ (See instructions for measuring on other side.)

General condition \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_

Measured by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL POINTS:  (height in feet + circumference in inches + 1/4 crown spread in feet)

Nominator(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

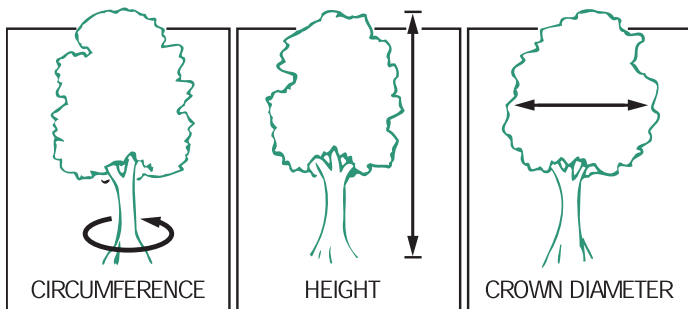
Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_



## How to measure a big tree

To do a preliminary check for a champion-quality tree, you need a long piece of string, a tape measure, a stick as long as your arm, and four sticks for stakes.

### CIRCUMFERENCE:

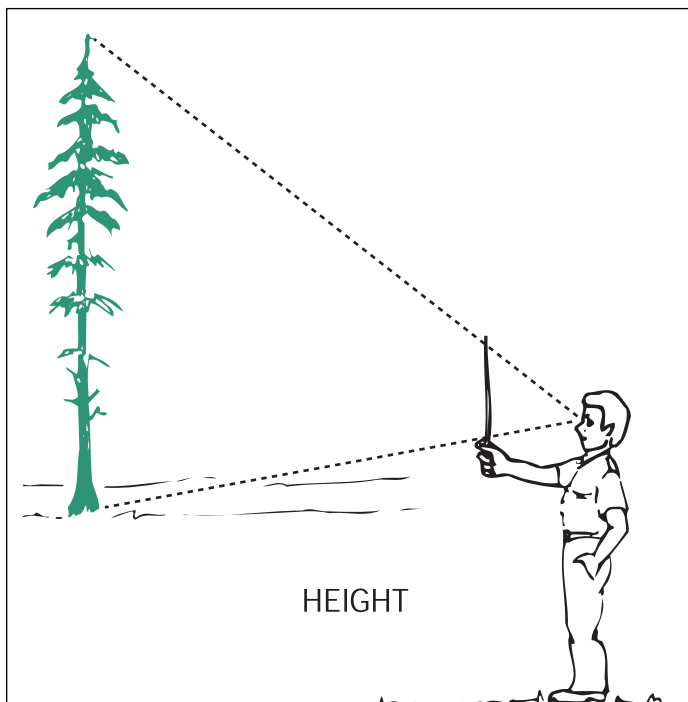
1. Measure the trunk 4½ feet above the ground.

### HEIGHT:

1. Hold a stick at arm's length with the top of the stick at eye level.
2. Walk backward away from the tree. When your hand lines up with the base of the tree and the top of the stick lines up with the top of the tree, mark the spot. The distance from the trunk to the spot is approximately the height of the tree.

### CROWN:

1. Look for the widest part of the crown and mark the end of each pair of branches by placing a stake in the ground.
2. Find the narrowest part of the crown and mark the ends of its branches.
3. Measure the distance between the two pairs of stakes. Add the two distances and divide by two to get the average width of the crown.



**Join today for a greener future!**

**YES!** I want to help Nashville Tree Foundation recreate the urban forest. Enclosed is a check for:

- \$20 Individual
- \$30 Family/School Group
- \$100 Supporting
- \$250 Sponsor
- \$1000 Corporate Sponsor

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY  STATE  ZIP

PHONE (H)  (W)

Make check payable to **Nashville Tree Foundation** and mail to 314 Page Road, Nashville TN 37205.



Nashville Tree Foundation is a non-profit organization that works to preserve and enhance Nashville's urban forest by educating the public, planting trees in urban areas, identifying the oldest and largest trees in Davidson County, and designating arboretums.

