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Big Trees of the Midsouth Forest Survey

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SUMMARY

Forestry agencies and associations across the country maintain registers of champion big trees. Listings of the biggest trees encountered on the USDA Forest Service's continuing survey of the forest lands of seven Midsouth States have been prepared. The listings report the biggest trees encountered by species for each State and the Midsouth region. These listings should supplement existing big tree registers.

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Big trees are one of nature's grandest spectacles. In fact, whole parks and preserves have been established just to maintain and nurture big trees. Many State forestry agencies maintain lists of champion big trees for their individual States, and the American Forestry Association (AFA) maintains a national register of champion big trees. Listings of big trees encountered during the Midsouth Forest Survey, conducted by the USDA Forest Service, Southern Forest Experiment Station, are reported in this paper and should supplement these existing lists and registers.

The Midsouth Forest Survey is a continuing effort by the Forest Inventory and Analysis unit of the Southern Forest Experiment Station. The primary purpose of the survey is to track and report on the extent, condition, and growth of forest resources in seven States in the Midsouth. The forests of each of the seven States (Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas) are surveyed on a State-by State basis until all seven have been completed; then the cycle begins again. It currently takes about 8 years to completely survey all seven States.

The process of surveying each State's forest resources requires visiting sample locations systematically located across each State on a 3- by 3-mile grid. At each forested sample location, tree species are identified, their physical characteristics are measured, and a description of the plot location is made. Over the entire seven-State area, from approximately 17,000 forested sample locations, information is collected on over 400,000 live trees. These trees provide the basis for compiling the lists of big trees.

In compiling the lists, AFA criteria for measuring big trees were employed. A "bigness" score was assigned to each tree by awarding one point for each inch of a tree's circumference at 4.5 feet above the ground and one point for every foot of a tree's height above the ground. The AFA criteria also award one-quarter point for every foot of a tree's crown width. Unfortunately, crown width is not one of the physical characteristics commonly measured on Midsouth Forest Survey sample location trees. However, because of the small weight given to this measurement, total "bigness" scores based on circumference and height alone should still provide meaningful assessments of tree size. Trees having the highest scores for their species were included in the lists.

When reviewing the lists of big trees compiled by the Midsouth Forest Survey, several factors should be kept in mind. Although over 400,000 trees are measured over a complete survey cycle, these trees are only a small fraction of the over 60 billion trees estimated to makeup the forest lands in the seven-State area. This small sample is sufficient to meet the primary objectives of the Midsouth Forest Survey, but is insufficient to identify the biggest trees in each State or the region. Even if some of the big trees encountered on the survey were possible State champions, policy would not allow divulging the locations of these candidate trees. This policy is in effect to maintain the integrity of long-term assessments of

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forest resource changes, which are based on repeated measurements of the same sample locations over time. Disclosing the sample locations could inadvertently affect the forest resources of the sample locations and bias long-term trend assessments. However, the Midsouth Forest Survey big tree lists can be compared to existing champion big tree lists to determine the likelihood of the existence of new champion big trees. For instance, if the comparison reveals a possible candidate tree, then it is quite likely, given the small sample from which the lists were developed, that a new champion for that species does exist somewhere in the State. Such a comparison was made against Mississippi's champion big tree list, and it revealed that likely new champions probably exist for a lot of the generally smaller and lesser known species such as ironwood (*Ostrya virginiana* (Mill.) K. Koch), American holly (*Ilex opaca* Ait.), redbud (*Cercis canadensis* L.), dogwood (*Cornus florida* L.), sourwood (*Oxydendrum arboreum* (L.) DC.), sweetbay (*Magnolia virginiana* L.), and blue beech (*Carpinus caroliniana* Walt.).

As previously stated, a complete survey of all seven States in the Midsouth takes about 8 years to complete. This results in a sizable time span between the first State

completed, in this case Alabama in 1982, and the last, Tennessee in 1989. As a consequence of the elapsed time since the completion of the first States surveyed in the cycle, it is quite possible that some of the big trees listed are no longer living; but on the other hand they could have grown even bigger!

Also, for species of trees that tend to swell at the base, such as cypress (*Taxodium* spp.) and tupelo (*Nyssa* spp.), the circumference is based on a diameter measurement taken at 1.5 feet above the swell and not at 4.5 feet above the ground. This practice is highly suited to meeting the primary objectives of the Midsouth Forest Survey, but results in reduced "bigness" scores as circumference reductions usually result from employing this practice.

And finally, not all trees are identified down to the species level. Some are grouped at the genus level, such as hickories (*Carya* spp.). This may result in some loss of significance for trees grouped in this manner.

With these limitations in mind, tables 1 through 16 list the biggest trees encountered during the Midsouth Forest Survey by species, State, and region for the 1982-89 period. These lists should provide an interesting reference and should supplement already established lists of big trees.

Table 1—Alabama big trees by species, 1982

Scientific name	Common name	Diameter -----inches-----	Circumference -----feet-----	Height	Points ¹
<i>Acer barbatum</i> Michx.	Florida maple	17.4	54.664	77	131.664
<i>Acer negundo</i> L.	Boxelder	16.7	52.465	84	136.465
<i>Acer rubrum</i> L.	Red maple	28.1	88.279	91	179.279
<i>Acer saccharinum</i> L.	Silver maple	24.8	77.912	80	157.912
<i>Acer saccharum</i> Marsh.	Sugar maple	16.1	50.580	85	135.580
<i>Aesculus glabra</i> Willd.	Ohio buckeye	10.8	33.929	68	101.929
<i>Aesculus octandra</i> Marsh.	Yellow buckeye	9.0	28.274	62	90.274
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i> (Mill.) Swingle	Tree-of-heaven	10.4	32.673	49	81.673
<i>Betula lenta</i> L.	Sweet birch	10.0	31.416	39	70.416
<i>Betula nigra</i> L.	River birch	27.1	85.137	79	164.137
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> Wait.	American hornbeam	12.9	40.527	60	100.527
<i>Carya aquatica</i> (Michx. f.) Nutt.	Water hickory	23.8	74.770	109	183.770
<i>Carya illinoensis</i> (Wangenh.) K. Koch	Pecan	20.3	63.774	78	141.774
<i>Carya</i> spp. Nutt.	Hickory	34.3	107.757	120	227.757
<i>Catalpa</i> spp. Scop.	Catalpa	8.4	26.389	30	56.389
<i>Celtis laevigata</i> Willd.	Sugarberry	21.4	67.230	96	163.230
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i> L.	Hackberry	22.1	69.429	95	164.429
<i>Cercis canadensis</i> L.	Eastern redbud	7.0	21.991	50	71.991
<i>Chamaecyparis thyoides</i> (L.) B.S.P.	Atlantic white-cedar	18.2	57.177	102	159.177
<i>Cornus florida</i> L.	Flowering dogwood	10.6	33.301	42	75.301
<i>Cotinus obovatus</i> Raf.	American smoketree	8.4	26.389	65	91.389
<i>Crataegus</i> spp. L.	Hawthorn	5.2	16.336	28	44.336
<i>Diospyros virginiana</i> L.	Common persimmon	16.4	51.522	88	139.522
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i> Ehrh.	American beech	29.7	93.306	105	198.306
<i>Fraxinus americana</i> L.	White ash	26.7	83.881	96	179.881
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i> Marsh.	Green ash	43.7	137.288	116	253.288
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> L.	Honeylocust	10.2	32.044	70	102.044
<i>Ilex opaca</i> Ait.	American holly	14.6	45.867	69	114.867

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Table 3—Louisiana big trees by species, 1984 - Continued

Scientific name	Common name	Diameter	Circumference	Height	Points ¹
		----- inches -----	----- feet -----		
<i>Nyssa aquatica</i> L.	Water tupelo	37.6	118.124	91	209.124
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> Marsh.	Blackgum	31.6	99.275	90	189.275
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>biflora</i> (Walt.) Sarg.	Swamp tupelo	29.7	93.306	82	175.306
<i>Ostrya virginiana</i> (Mill.) K. Koch	Eastern hop hornbeam	7.5	23.562	63	86.562
<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i> (L.) DC.	Sourwood	8.2	25.761	60	85.761
<i>Persea borbonia</i> (L.) Spreng.	Redbay	12.0	37.699	60	97.699
<i>Pinus echinata</i> Mill.	Shortleaf pine	28.3	88.907	111	199.907
<i>Pinus elliottii</i> Engelm.	Slash pine	23.3	73.199	101	174.199
<i>Pinus glabra</i> Walt.	Spruce pine	33.7	105.872	120	225.872
<i>Pinus palustris</i> Mill.	Longleaf pine	31.6	99.275	99	198.275
<i>Pinus taeda</i> L.	Loblolly pine	34.4	108.071	119	227.071
<i>Planera aquatica</i> J.F. Gmel.	Water elm	27.2	85.452	45	130.452
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i> L.	American sycamore	37.3	117.182	120	237.182
<i>Populus deltoides</i> Bartr. ex Marsh.	Eastern cottonwood	41.3	129.748	148	277.748
<i>Prunus serotina</i> Ehrh.	Black cherry	28.9	90.792	95	185.792
<i>Prunus</i> spp. L.	Plum and cherries	8.9	27.960	36	63.960
<i>Quercus alba</i> L.	White oak	40.1	125.978	90	215.978
<i>Quercus bicolor</i> Willd.	Swamp white oak	21.9	68.801	91	159.801
<i>Quercus falcata</i> Michx.	Southern red oak	27.3	85.766	112	197.766
<i>Quercus falcata</i> var. <i>pogonifolia</i> Ell.	Cherrybark oak	46.5	146.084	111	257.084
<i>Quercus incana</i> Bartr.	Bluejack oak	15.0	47.124	72	119.124
<i>Quercus laurifolia</i> Michx.	Laurel oak	30.8	96.761	135	231.761
<i>Quercus lyrata</i> Walt.	Overcup oak	41.5	130.376	104	234.376
<i>Quercus marilandica</i> Muenchh.	Blackjack oak	22.0	69.115	63	132.115
<i>Quercus michauxii</i> Nutt.	Swamp chestnut oak	32.0	100.531	135	235.531
<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i> Engelm.	Chinkapin oak	22.0	69.115	85	154.115
<i>Quercus nigra</i> L.	Water oak	61.1	191.952	113	304.952
<i>Quercus nutallii</i> Palmer	Nuttall oak	47.8	150.168	128	278.168
<i>Quercus palustris</i> Muenchh.	Pin oak	21.8	68.487	86	154.487
<i>Quercus phellos</i> L.	Willow oak	46.8	147.027	105	252.027
<i>Quercus shumardii</i> Buckl.	Shumard oak	25.0	78.540	99	177.540
<i>Quercus stellata</i> Wangenh.	Post oak	41.0	128.806	75	203.806
<i>Quercus stellata</i> var. <i>paludosa</i> Sarg.	Delta post oak	21.9	68.801	85	153.801
<i>Quercus velutina</i> Lam.	Black oak	23.2	72.885	112	184.885
<i>Quercus virginiana</i> Mill.	Live oak	68.5	215.200	70	285.200
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> L.	Black locust	7.9	24.819	63	87.819
<i>Salix</i> spp. L.	Willow	35.9	112.783	123	235.783
<i>Sassafras albidum</i> (Nutt.) Nees	Sassafras	20.5	64.403	100	164.403
<i>Taxodium distichum</i> (L.) Rich.	Baldcypress	66.1	207.660	115	322.660
<i>Tilia americana</i> L.	American basswood	22.7	71.314	73	144.314
<i>Tilia heterophylla</i> Vent.	White basswood	30.3	95.190	97	192.190
<i>Ulmus alata</i> Michx.	Winged elm	21.3	66.916	82	148.916
<i>Ulmus americana</i> L.	American elm	32.1	100.845	107	207.845
<i>Ulmus crassifolia</i> Nutt.	Cedar elm	33.5	105.244	109	214.244
<i>Ulmus rubra</i> Muhl.	Slippery elm	40.2	126.292	84	210.292
<i>Vaccinium arboreum</i> Marsh.	Sparkleberry	11.1	34.872	35	69.872

¹One point awarded for each inch in circumference and foot in height.

Table 4—Mississippi big trees by species, 1987 - Continued

Scientific name	Common name	Diameter	Circumference	Height	Points ¹
----- <i>inches</i> -----					
<i>Quercus marilandica</i> Muenchh.	Blackjack oak	20.5	64.403	71	135.403
<i>Quercus michauxii</i> Nutt.	Swamp chestnut oak	47.7	149.854	100	249.854
<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i> Engelm.	Chinkapin oak	22.3	70.058	103	173.058
<i>Quercus nigra</i> L.	Water oak	47.0	147.655	120	267.655
<i>Quercus nutallii</i> Palmer	Nuttall oak	44.7	140.430	125	265.430
<i>Quercus palustris</i> Muenchh.	Pin oak	19.0	59.690	95	154.690
<i>Quercus phellos</i> L.	Willow oak	52.6	165.248	108	273.248
<i>Quercus prinus</i> L.	Chestnut oak	30.8	96.761	91	187.761
<i>Quercus rubra</i> L.	Northern red oak	27.6	86.708	100	186.708
<i>Quercus shumardii</i> Buckl.	Shumard oak	46.3	145.456	93	238.456
<i>Quercus stellata</i> Wangenh.	Post oak	43.2	135.717	90	225.717
<i>Quercus stellata</i> var. <i>paludosa</i> Sarg.	Delta post oak	18.1	56.863	78	134.863
<i>Quercus velutina</i> Lam.	Black oak	45.3	142.314	80	222.314
<i>Quercus virginiana</i> Mill.	Live oak	34.8	109.328	71	180.328
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> L.	Black locust	14.6	45.867	89	134.867
<i>Salix</i> spp. L.	Willow	25.3	79.482	150	229.482
<i>Sassafras albidum</i> (Nutt.) Nees	Sassafras	31.6	99.275	106	205.275
<i>Taxodium distichum</i> (L.) Rich.	Baldcypress	58.0	182.213	106	288.213
<i>Tilia americana</i> L.	American basswood	20.2	63.460	89	152.460
<i>Tilia heterophylla</i> Vent.	White basswood	27.1	85.137	120	205.137
<i>Ulmus alata</i> Michx.	Winged elm	24.4	76.655	103	179.655
<i>Ulmus americana</i> L.	American elm	48.0	150.797	98	248.797
<i>Ulmus crassifolia</i> Nutt.	Cedar elm	22.2	69.744	105	174.744
<i>Ulmus pumila</i> L.	Siberian elm	6.5	20.420	34	54.420
<i>Ulmus rubra</i> Muhl.	Slippery elm	23.7	74.456	118	192.456
<i>Ulmus serotina</i> Sarg.	September elm	12.7	39.898	57	96.898
<i>Vaccinium arboreum</i> Marsh.	Sparkleberry	10.3	32.358	64	96.358

¹One point awarded for each inch in circumference and foot in height.

Table 7—Texas big trees by species, 1986 - Continued

Scientific name	Common name	Diameter	Circumference	Height	Points ¹
			- inches -		- feet -
<i>Juglans nigra</i> L.	Black walnut	36.4	114.354	77	191.354
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i> L.	Eastern redcedar	22.2	69.744	60	129.744
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> L.	Sweetgum	48.2	151.425	104	255.425
<i>Macharia pomifera</i> (Raf.) Schneid.	Osage-orange	15.8	49.637	66	115.637
<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> L.	Southern magnolia	29.8	93.620	82	175.620
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i> L.	Sweetbay	22.7	71.314	91	162.314
<i>Melia azedarach</i> L.	Chinaberry	11.1	34.872	46	80.872
<i>Morus rubra</i> L.	Red mulberry	17.7	55.606	61	116.606
<i>Nyssa aquatica</i> L.	Water tupelo	30.4	95.505	99	194.505
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> Marsh.	Blackgum	33.5	105.244	110	215.244
<i>Ostrya virginiana</i> (Mill.) K. Koch	Eastern hop hornbeam	11.8	37.071	62	99.071
<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i> (L.) DC.	Sourwood	8.5	26.704	49	75.704
<i>Persea borbonia</i> (L.) Spreng.	Redbay	17.2	54.036	31	85.036
<i>Pinus echinata</i> Mill.	Shortleaf pine	22.5	70.686	117	187.686
<i>Pinus elliottii</i> Engelm.	Slash pine	22.3	70.058	98	168.058
<i>Pinus palustris</i> Mill.	Longleaf pine	20.4	64.089	91	155.089
<i>Pinus taeda</i> L.	Loblolly pine	32.6	102.416	132	234.416
<i>Planera aquatica</i> J.F. Gmel.	Water-elm	25.7	80.739	44	124.739
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i> L.	American sycamore	28.0	87.965	128	215.965
<i>Populus deltoides</i> Bartr. ex Marsh.	Eastern cottonwood	32.0	100.531	110	210.531
<i>Prunus serotina</i> Ehrh.	Black cherry	17.4	54.664	61	115.664
<i>Prunus</i> spp. L.	Plum and cherries	11.3	35.500	61	96.500
<i>Quercus alba</i> L.	White oak	40.5	127.235	102	229.235
<i>Quercus bicolor</i> Willd.	Swamp white oak	9.8	30.788	73	103.788
<i>Quercus falcata</i> Michx.	Southern red oak	54.4	170.903	79	249.903
<i>Quercus falcata</i> var. <i>pagodifolia</i> Ell.	Cherrybark oak	39.8	125.036	140	265.036
<i>Quercus incana</i> Bartr.	Bluejack oak	18.2	57.177	60	117.177
<i>Quercus laurifolia</i> Michx.	Laurel oak	33.1	103.987	99	202.987
<i>Quercus hyrcana</i> Walt.	Overcup oak	51.1	160.536	114	274.536
<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> Michx.	Bur oak	18.8	59.062	66	125.062
<i>Quercus marilandica</i> Muenchh.	Blackjack oak	24.7	77.598	62	139.598
<i>Quercus michauxii</i> Nutt.	Swamp chestnut oak	42.4	133.204	96	229.204
<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i> Engelm.	Chinkapin oak	11.7	36.757	44	80.757
<i>Quercus nigra</i> L.	Water oak	47.3	148.598	103	251.598
<i>Quercus nutallii</i> Palmer	Nuttall oak	26.7	83.881	125	208.881
<i>Quercus phellos</i> L.	Willow oak	39.8	125.036	114	239.036
<i>Quercus shumardii</i> Buckl.	Shumard oak	38.9	122.208	99	221.208
<i>Quercus stellata</i> Wangenh.	Post oak	41.1	129.120	65	194.120
<i>Quercus velutina</i> Lam.	Black oak	35.6	111.841	94	205.841
<i>Quercus virginiana</i> Mill.	Live oak	15.1	47.438	63	110.438
<i>Salix</i> spp. L.	Willow	30.3	95.190	95	190.190
<i>Sassafras albidum</i> (Nutt.) Nees	Sassafras	15.7	49.323	60	109.323
<i>Taxodium distichum</i> (L.) Rich.	Baldcypress	26.6	83.567	117	200.567
<i>Tilia americana</i> L.	American basswood	16.9	53.093	89	142.093
<i>Ulmus alata</i> Michx.	Winged elm	26.0	81.682	81	162.682
<i>Ulmus americana</i> L.	American elm	58.5	183.784	87	270.784
<i>Ulmus crassifolia</i> Nutt.	Cedar elm	30.0	94.248	75	169.248
<i>Ulmus rubra</i> Muhl.	Slippery elm	33.6	105.558	64	169.558
<i>Vaccinium arboreum</i> Marsh.	Sparkleberry	14.6	45.867	40	85.867

¹One point awarded for each inch in circumference and foot in height.

Table 9—Top 10 ranking trees with the highest scores for each species, Alabama 1982

Scientific name	Common name	Diameter	Circumference	Height	Points ¹
		----- inches -----		- feet -	
<i>Carya</i> spp. Nutt.	Hickory	34.3	107.757	120	227.757
<i>Pinus taeda</i> L.	Loblolly pine	31.8	99.903	130	229.903
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i> L.	American sycamore	44.5	139.801	92	231.801
<i>Quercus rubra</i> L.	Northern red oak	43.3	136.031	98	234.031
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> L.	Sweetgum	37.2	116.868	119	235.868
<i>Quercus phellos</i> L.	Willow oak	43.0	135.089	101	236.089
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i> Marsh.	Green ash	43.7	137.288	116	253.288
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> L.	Yellow-poplar	49.3	154.881	108	262.881
<i>Taxodium distichum</i> (L.) Rich.	Baldcypress	51.5	161.792	105	266.792
<i>Quercus falcata</i> var. <i>pagodifolia</i> Ell.	Cherrybark oak	50.5	158.651	116	274.651

¹One point awarded for each inch in circumference and foot in height.

Table 10—Top 10 ranking trees with the highest scores for each species, Arkansas 1982

Scientific name	Common name	Diameter	Circumference	Height	Points ¹
		----- inches -----		- feet -	
<i>Quercus falcata</i> var. <i>pagodifolia</i> Ell.	Cherrybark oak	36.5	114.668	130	244.668
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> L.	Yellow-poplar	41.3	129.748	122	251.748
<i>Carya aquatica</i> (Michx. f.) Nutt.	Water hickory	36.7	115.297	138	253.297
<i>Quercus nutallii</i> Palmer	Nuttall oak	41.1	129.120	125	254.120
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> L.	Sweetgum	43.8	137.602	120	257.602
<i>Quercus velutina</i> Lam.	Black oak	52.4	164.620	100	264.620
<i>Quercus phellos</i> L.	Willow oak	58.7	184.412	96	280.412
<i>Populus deltoides</i> Bartr. ex Marsh.	Eastern cottonwood	51.7	162.421	131	293.421
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i> L.	American sycamore	58.7	184.412	127	311.412
<i>Taxodium distichum</i> (L.) Rich.	Baldcypress	82.3	258.554	120	378.554

¹One point awarded for each inch in circumference and foot in height.

Table 11—Top 10 ranking trees with the highest scores for each species, Louisiana 1984

Scientific name	Common name	Diameter	Circumference	Height	Points ¹
		----- inches -----		- feet -	
<i>Carya illinoensis</i> (Wangenh.) K.Koch	Pecan	44.8	140.744	101	241.744
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> L.	Sweetgum	44.1	138.545	105	243.545
<i>Quercus phellos</i> L.	Willow oak	46.8	147.027	105	252.027
<i>Quercus falcata</i> var. <i>pagodifolia</i> Ell.	Cherrybark oak	46.5	146.084	111	257.084
<i>Carya aquatica</i> (Michx. f.) Nutt.	Water hickory	39.1	122.837	148	270.837
<i>Populus deltoides</i> Bartr. ex Marsh.	Eastern cottonwood	41.3	129.748	148	277.748
<i>Quercus nutallii</i> Palmer	Nuttall oak	47.8	150.168	128	278.168
<i>Quercus virginiana</i> Mill.	Live oak	68.5	215.200	70	285.200
<i>Quercus nigra</i> L.	Water oak	61.1	191.952	113	304.952
<i>Taxodium distichum</i> (L.) Rich.	Baldcypress	66.1	207.660	115	322.660

¹One point awarded for each inch in circumference and foot in height.

Table 12 – Top 10 ranking trees with the highest scores for each species, Mississippi 1987

Scientific name	Common name	Diameter	Circumference	Height	Points ¹
		----- inches -----		- feet -	
<i>Quercus michauxii</i> Nutt.	Swamp chestnut oak	47.7	149.854	100	249.854
<i>Quercus nuttallii</i> Palmer	Nuttall oak	44.7	140.430	125	265.430
<i>Quercus nigra</i> L.	Water oak	47.0	147.655	120	267.655
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i> L.	American sycamore	59.7	187.554	85	272.554
<i>Quercus phellos</i> L.	Willow oak	52.6	165.248	108	273.248
<i>Quercus falcata</i> var. <i>pagodifolia</i> Ell.	Cherrybark oak	45.2	142.000	135	277.000
<i>Populus deltoides</i> Bartr. ex Marsh.	Eastern cottonwood	46.7	146.713	133	279.713
<i>Carya illinoensis</i> (Wangenh.) K. Koch	Pecan	50.2	157.708	125	282.708
<i>Taxodium distichum</i> (L.) Rich.	Baldcypress	58.0	182.213	106	288.213
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> L.	Sweetgum	53.9	169.332	138	307.332

¹One point awarded for each inch in circumference and foot in height.

Table 13 – Top 10 ranking trees with the highest scores for each species, Oklahoma 1986

Scientific name	Common name	Diameter	Circumference	Height	Points ¹
		----- inches -----		- feet -	
<i>Quercus nigra</i> L.	Water oak	40.3	126.606	70	196.606
<i>Pinus taeda</i> L.	Loblolly pine	26.9	84.509	115	199.509
<i>Quercus palustris</i> Muenchh.	Pin oak	23.1	72.571	127	199.571
<i>Juglans nigra</i> L.	Black walnut	40.7	127.863	73	200.863
<i>Carya illinoensis</i> (Wangenh.) K. Koch	Pecan	37.3	117.182	89	206.182
<i>Quercus shumardii</i> Buckl.	Shumard oak	37.2	116.868	95	211.868
<i>Quercus alba</i> L.	White oak	38.8	121.894	99	220.894
<i>Acer saccharinum</i> L.	Silver maple	41.8	131.319	90	221.319
<i>Populus deltoides</i> Bartr. ex Marsh.	Eastern cottonwood	46.4	145.770	95	240.770
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i> L.	American sycamore	42.3	132.890	128	260.890

¹One point awarded for each inch in circumference and foot in height.

Table 14 – Top 10 ranking trees with the highest scores for each species, Tennessee 1989

Scientific name	Common name	Diameter	Circumference	Height	Points ¹
		----- inches -----		- feet -	
<i>Quercus coccinea</i> Muenchh.	Scarlet oak	42.0	131.947	120	251.947
<i>Quercus palustris</i> Muenchh.	Pin oak	36.9	115.925	137	252.925
<i>Fraxinus americana</i> L.	White ash	35.3	110.898	144	254.898
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> L.	Yellow-poplar	46.1	144.828	113	257.828
<i>Quercus falcata</i> var. <i>pagodifolia</i> Ell.	Cherrybark oak	37.1	116.553	142	258.553
<i>Quercus falcata</i> Michx.	Southern red oak	51.5	161.792	104	265.792
<i>Quercus alba</i> L.	White oak	56.2	176.558	96	272.558
<i>Quercus rubra</i> L.	Northern red oak	48.4	152.053	124	276.053
<i>Taxodium distichum</i> (L.) Rich.	Baldcypress	48.5	152.368	128	280.368
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i> L.	American sycamore	65.9	207.031	140	347.031

¹One point awarded for each inch in circumference and foot in height.

Table 15 – Top 10 ranking trees with highest scores for each species, Texas 1986

Scientific name	Common name	Diameter	Circumference	Height	Points ¹
----- inches -----					- feet -
<i>Quercus alba</i> L.	White oak	40.5	127.235	102	229.235
<i>Pinus taeda</i> L.	Loblolly pine	32.6	102.416	132	234.416
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i> Ehrh.	American beech	37.0	116.239	122	238.239
<i>Quercus phellos</i> L.	Willow oak	39.8	125.036	114	239.036
<i>Quercus falcata</i> Michx.	Southern red oak	54.4	170.903	79	249.903
<i>Quercus nigra</i> L.	Water oak	47.3	148.598	103	251.598
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> L.	Sweetgum	48.2	151.425	104	255.425
<i>Quercus falcata</i> var. <i>pagodifolia</i> Ell.	Cherrybark oak	39.8	125.036	140	265.036
<i>Ulmus americana</i> L.	American elm	58.5	183.784	87	270.784
<i>Quercus lyrata</i> Willd.	Overcup oak	51.1	160.536	114	274.536

¹One point awarded for each inch in circumference and foot in height.

Table 16 – Top 10 highest ranked trees in the seven Midsouth States 1982-89

Scientific name	Common name	State	Diameter	Circumference	Height	Points ¹
<i>Carya illinoensis</i> (Wangenh.) K.Koch	Pecan	Mississippi	50.2	157.708	125	282.708
<i>Quercus virginiana</i> Mill.	Live oak	Louisiana	68.5	215.200	70	285.200
<i>Taxodium distichum</i> (L.) Rich	Baldcypress	Mississippi	58.0	182.213	106	288.213
<i>Populus deltoides</i> Bartr. ex Marsh.	Eastern cottonwood	Arkansas	51.7	162.421	131	293.421
<i>Quercus nigra</i> L.	Water oak	Louisiana	61.1	191.952	113	304.952
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> L.	Sweetgum	Mississippi	53.9	169.332	138	307.332
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i> L.	American sycamore	Arkansas	58.7	184.412	127	311.412
<i>Taxodium distichum</i> (L.) Rich.	Baldcypress	Louisiana	66.1	207.660	115	322.660
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i> L.	American sycamore	Tennessee	65.9	207.031	140	347.031
<i>Taxodium distichum</i> (L.) Rich.	Baldcypress	Arkansas	82.3	258.554	120	378.554

¹One point awarded for each inch in circumference and foot in height.