

Mississippi champion trees

Reviewed historical transcription of MFC Publication #35, revised October 2000

This is a Tree Yoga School transcription, not the original scanned publication.

It reproduces species, measurements, published points, county and designation fields from the historical tables. Owner and nominator columns, photographs, personal contact information and private directions are omitted.

163 historical source rows are transcribed from original PDF pages 3-10. The introduction reports 164 champions; no missing record has been invented. Two rows appear to repeat the same tree under different headings and remain cross-referenced in the map.

Champion labels describe the October 2000 publication. Individual measurement dates are not supplied. Current survival, condition, champion standing, ownership and visiting access are unverified. County markers on the map are approximate areas, not tree locations.

Prepared October 28, 2026 from the scan supplied by the Mississippi Forestry Commission coordinator on October 21, 2026. The reviewed transcription and import audit are versioned with the Tree Yoga School source code.

Reading this historical transcription

Original source-page numbers are preserved: tables occupy pages 3-10 in this document.

Units: circ. and crown use feet-inches (for example, 6-8 means 6 feet 8 inches). Height is in feet. Points are printed scores, retained unchanged. The map also converts circumference to inches and crown spread to decimal feet.

Designation: unstarred rows are state champions in the historical register; * means state co-champion; ** means national champion; *** means national co-champion. These are dated source designations, not verified current titles.

Names: common names combine printed row names with section headings. Botanical names retain the source spelling, including apparent errors. A row spelling is not a modern identification.

Source issues: Rusty Blackhaw (page 3, row 11) and Rusty Viburnum (page 10, row 7) appear to duplicate one source tree. The Durand Oak printed score differs from its measurement total. Botanical-name anomalies and conflicting introductory/photo-caption measurements are explained in the map notes.

Selection: cover, introduction, photographs, nomination instructions and the list of species without champions are not additional tree records. The 2024 national-register Roughleaf Dogwood in Tunica County is a separate source and is not included in these historical tables.

Publication schedule: an updated state register was being prepared for after the start of 2027, according to the coordinator on October 21, 2026. No firm release date was given.

Historical table - original source page 3

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Mark	Common name	Botanical name as printed	Circ. ft-in	Crown ft-in	Ht. ft	Points	County
	Chinese Tree of Heaven	Ailanthus altissima	6-8	41-0	126	216.25	Adams
	Southern crab Apple	Malus angustifolia	2-11	30-0	25	67.50	Madison
	Carolina Ash	Fraxinus caroliniana	4-8	45-0	71	138.25	Stone
	Green Ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	19-2	52-0	78	321.00	Coahoma
	White Ash	Fraxinus americana	10-11	64-7	93	240.15	Wilkinson
	Baldcypress	Taxodium distichum	46-4	60-0	70	641.00	Humphreys
	American Basswood	Tilia americana	11-3	88-0	108	265.00	Warren
	White Basswood	Tilia heterophylla	7-2	52-0	63	162.00	Carroll
	American Beech	Fagus grandifolia	19-5	127-6	132	396.88	Rankin
	River Birch	Betula nigra	10-2	80-0	100	242.00	Newton
	Rusty Blackhaw	Viburnum rufidulum	1-8	18-0	37	61.50	Hinds
	Boxelder	Acer negundo	8-8	56-0	86	204.00	Adams
	Ohio Buckeye	Aesculus glabra	2-6	25-6	37	73.38	Lowndes
	Red Buckeye	Aesculus pavia	3-9	24-0	28	79.00	Jasper
	Yellow Buckeye	Aesculus octandra	10-5	46-3	60	196.56	Issaquena
	Carolina Buckthorn	Rhamnus caroliniana	0-10	15-6	32	45.88	Amite
	Buckthorn Bumelia	Bumelia lycioides	1-6	26-0	31	55.50	Hinds
	Gum Bumelia	Bumelia lanuginosa	4-3	16-0	59	114.00	Coahoma
	Common Buttonbush	Cephalanthus occidentalis	4-9	17-6	22	83.38	Washington
	Camphor-tree	Cinnamomum camphora	5-3	34-6	59	130.63	Jackson

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Mark	Common name	Botanical name as printed	Circ. ft-in	Crown ft-in	Ht. ft	Points	County
	Northern Catalpa	Catalpa speciosa	17-11	90-0	69	306.50	Lafayette
	Southern Catalpa	Catalpa bignonioides	21-9	71-8	84	362.92	Yalobusha
	Black Cherry	Prunus serotina	13-5	70-0	80	258.50	Leflore
	American Chestnut	Castanea dentata	10-6	50-6	44	182.63	Smith
	Chinaberry	Melia azedarach	13-10	55-9	54	233.94	Franklin
	Allegheny Chinkapin	Castanea pumila	2-0	28-0	54	85.00	Lauderdale
	Kentucky Coffeetree	Gymnocladus dioicus	7-9	61-6	99	207.38	Tunica
	Eastern Cottonwood	Populus deltoides	23-8	141-0	120	439.25	Tunica
**	Swamp Cottonwood	Populus heterophylla	12-6	49-5	93	255.35	Washington
	Crapemyrtle	Lagerstroemia indica	7-1	48-0	40	137.00	Jones
	Arizona Cypress	Cupressus arizonica	3-6	31-0	19	68.75	Carroll
	Swamp Cyrilla	Cyrilla racemiflora	3-9	38-0	55	109.50	Harrison
	Devil's-walkingstick	Aralia spinosa	2-9	13-0	52	88.25	Jefferson
	Devilwood	Osmanthus americanus	0-4	15-0	34	41.75	Stone
	Alternate-Leaf Dogwood	Cornus alternifolia	1-4	30-6	22	45.63	Madison
	Flowering Dogwood	Cornus florida	4-11	41-0	37	106.25	Panola
**	Roughleaf Dogwood	Cornus drummondii	2-7	13-0	30	64.25	Washington
	Swamp Dogwood	Cornus stricta	1-0	16-0	21	37.00	Madison
	American Elm	Ulmus americana	18-6	101-0	108	355.25	Carroll
**	Cedar Elm	Ulmus crassifolia	10-9	49-0	102	243.25	Humphreys
	Siberian Elm	Ulmus pumila	4-9	35-0	46	111.75	Carroll
	Slippery Elm	Ulmus rubra	11-9	92-0	81	245.00	Winston
	Winged Elm	Ulmus alata	12-11	84-11	105	281.23	Jasper

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Mark	Common name	Botanical name as printed	Circ. ft-in	Crown ft-in	Ht. ft	Points	County
	Fringetree	Chionanthus virginicus	3-9	31-0	24	76.75	Jones
	Common Hackberry	Celtis occidentalis	14-10	87-0	92	291.75	Grenada
	Georgia Hackberry	Celtis tenuifolia	9-4	26-0	32	150.50	Carroll
	Downy Hawthorn	Crataegus millis	1-8	24-0	20	46.00	Hinds
	Green Hawthorn	Crataegus viridis	2-5	28-6	33	69.13	Leflore
	Littlehip Hawthorn	Crataegus spatulata	1-11	23-6	15	43.88	Lowndes
**	Parsley Hawthorn	Crataegus marshallii	4-0	34-0	30	86.50	Covington
**	Riverflat (Mayhaw) Hawthorn	Crataegus opaca	3-9	36-0	29	83.00	Jones
	Washington Hawthorn	Crataegus phaenopyrum	1-3	6-0	10	26.50	Lee
	Eastern Hemlock	Tsuga canadensis	5-2	31-8	66	135.92	Panola
	Hercules-club	Zanthoxylum clava-herculis	4-5	29-3	68	128.31	Jefferson
	Bitternut Hickory	Carya cordiformis	8-6	77-6	116	237.38	Adams
	Carolina (Southern shagbark) Hickory	Carya ovata var. australis	4-6	50-0	68	134.50	Jasper
	Pignut Hickory	Carya glabra	8-11	64-4	125	248.08	Panola
	Red Hickory	Carya glabra var. odorata	11-2	82-0	125	279.50	Wilkinson
	Sand Hickory	Carya pallida	5-3	35-0	71	142.75	Jones
	Shagbark Hickory	Carya ovata	8-3	56-0	104	217.00	Pearl River
	Shellbark Hickory	Carya laciniosa	10-9	51-0	78	219.75	Jasper
	Water Hickory	Carya aquatica	11-1	75-0	122	273.75	Washington

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Mark	Common name	Botanical name as printed	Circ. ft-in	Crown ft-in	Ht. ft	Points	County
	American Holly	Ilex opaca	5-7	33-6	82	157.38	George
	Yaupon Holly	Ilex vomitoria	1-5	10-0	27	46.50	Amite
	Honeylocust	Gleditsia triacanthos	11-5	76-8	113	269.17	Warren
	Waterlocust	Gleditsia aquatica	5-9	40-0	79	158.00	Washington
	Eastern Hophornbeam	Ostrya virginiana	4-2	51-6	64	126.88	Wilkinson
	American Hornbeam	Carpinus caroliniana	4-4	44-0	70	133.00	Warren
	Incense-cedar	Libocedrus decurrens	11-7	30-0	100	246.50	Pontotoc
	Mountain laurel	Kalmia latifolia	0-10	3-0	26	36.75	Amite
	Carolina Laurelcherry	Prunus caroliniana	6-0	29-4	60	139.33	Adams
	Loblolly bay	Gordonia lasianthus	4-11	37-11	104	172.48	Perry
	Black Locust	Robinia pseudoacacia	7-0	40-4	76	170.08	Carroll
	Bigleaf Magnolia	Magnolia macrophylla	4-8	40-6	84	150.13	Hinds
	Cucumbertree Magnolia	Magnolia acuminata	6-7	44-0	110	200.00	Marion
	Pyramid Magnolia	Magnolia pyramidata	5-5	15-0	48	116.75	Wilkinson
**	Southern Magnolia	Magnolia grandiflora	22-4	89-6	98	388.38	Jones
	Sweetbay Magnolia	Magnolia virginiana	7-11	35-4	104	207.83	Newton
*	Umbrella Magnolia	Magnolia tripetala	1-6	24-6	41	65.13	Hinds
*	Umbrella Magnolia	Magnolia tripetala	1-9	24-0	36	63.00	Hinds
	Florida Maple	Acer barbatum	11-1	66-4	92	241.58	Wayne
	Red Maple	Acer rubrum	18-4	77-0	106	345.25	Prentiss
	Silver Maple	Acer saccharinum	10-1	78-1	107	247.52	Hinds
	Mimosa (Silktree)	Albizia julibrissin	9-5	77-0	51	183.25	Jasper
	Paper Mulberry	Moraceae broussonetia papyrifera	14-2	41-6	37	217.38	Hinds
	Red Mulberry	Morus rubra	19-5	66-0	40	289.50	Jones
	White Mulberry	Morus alba	12-11	63-0	64	234.75	Washington

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**	Arkansas Oak	Quercus arkansana	12-2	106-0	95	267.50	Covington
	Black Oak	Quercus velutina	15-7	104-0	107	320.00	Noxubee
	Bluejack Oak	Quercus incana	4-8	40-6	40	106.13	Clarke
	Bluff Oak	Quercus durandii var. austrina	2-5	31-0	22	58.75	Madison
	Bur Oak	Quercus macrocarpa	11-10	119-6	102	273.88	Lowndes
	Cherrybark Oak	Quercus falcata var. pagodifolia	24-3	133-0	137	461.25	Warren
	Chestnut Oak	Quercus prinus	10-6	62-0	60	201.50	Calhoun
	Chinkapin Oak	Quercus muehlenbergii	15-8	97-6	95	307.38	Warren
	Compton Oak	Quercus comptoniae	23-9	138-0	116	435.50	Humphreys
	Cow (Swamp chestnut) Oak	Quercus michauxii	21-2	93-6	92	369.38	Warren
	Durand Oak	Quercus durandii	12-3	99-0	100	269.75	Hinds
	Laurel Oak	Quercus laurifolia	19-9	108-0	131	395.00	Clarke
	Live Oak	Quercus virginiana	30-4	145-0	81	481.25	Pearl River
	Northern Red Oak	Quercus rubra	7-11	77-0	130	244.25	Rankin
	Nuttall Oak	Quercus nuttallii	21-8	96-0	110	394.00	Washington
	Overcup Oak	Quercus lyrata	19-9	89-3	124	383.31	Sharkey
	Pin Oak	Quercus palustris	14-5	98-6	110	307.63	Bolivar
	Post Oak	Quercus stellata	15-2	109-0	94	303.25	Lafayette
	Sand post Oak	Quercus stellata var. margaretta	7-5	46-0	45	145.50	Clarke
	Shingle Oak	Quercus imbricaria	2-6	27-8	34	70.92	Madison
	Shumard Oak	Quercus shumardii	17-8	112-0	144	384.00	Adams
	Southern red Oak	Quercus falcata	22-9	117-0	94	396.25	Panola
	Turkey Oak	Quercus laevis	8-7	69-0	60	180.25	George
	White Oak	Quercus alba	19-3	76-0	104	354.00	Yazoo
	Willow Oak	Quercus phellos	14-6	97-0	80	278.25	Noxubee

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	Osage-orange	Maclura pomifera	17-5	71-6	79	305.88	Pontotoc
	Cabbage Palmetto	Sabal palmetto	5-3	13-9	24	90.44	Wayne
	Royal paulownia	Paulownia tomentosa	9-11	45-0	54	184.25	Lafayette
	Common Pear	Pyrus communis	7-3	17-3	42	133.31	Amite
	Sweet Pecan	Carya illinoensis	21-2	115-0	132	414.75	Adams
	Eastern White Pine	Pinus strobus	5-8	38-9	55	132.69	Panola
	Loblolly Pine	Pinus taeda	15-11	83-6	124	335.88	Noxubee
*	Longleaf Pine	Pinus palustris	7-7	38-0	134	234.50	Wilkinson
*	Longleaf Pine	Pinus palustris	9-7	50-0	110	237.50	Covington
**	Shortleaf Pine	Pinus echinata	11-7	68-0	88	244.00	Union
	Slash Pine	Pinus elliotii	9-7	52-0	103	231.00	Wayne
	Spruce Pine	Pinus glabra	11-11	60-6	154	312.13	Scott
	Virginia Pine	Pinus virginiana	3-8	31-0	56	107.75	Marshall
**	Mexican Plum	Prunus mexicana	7-10	36-0	39	142.00	Wilkinson
	Silverleaf (White) Poplar	Populus alba	6-10	45-0	59	152.25	Carroll
	California Privet	Ligustrum ovalifolium	4-2	30-0	28	85.50	Carroll
	Eastern Redbud	Cercis canadensis	6-0	31-0	39	118.75	Jasper
	Eastern Red-cedar	Juniperus virginiana	17-0	49-0	48	264.25	Jackson
	Sassafras	Sassafras albidum	17-4	65-6	74	298.38	Claiborne
	Downy serviceberry (shadbush)	Amelanchier arborea	1-5	22-8	34	56.67	Madison

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	Two-wing silverbell	Halesia diptera	4-3	16-0	39	94.00	Amite
	Bigleaf Snowbell	Styrax grandifolius	1-1	13-10	34	50.45	Wilkinson
	Sourwood	Oxydendron arboreum	6-10	45-0	123	216.25	Jefferson
** *	Sparkleberry tree	Vaccinium arboreum	3-2	29-0	40	85.25	Marion
** *	Sparkleberry tree	Vaccinium arboreum	2-9	30-0	47	87.50	Harrison
	Blue Spruce	Picea pungens	3-4	17-0	20	64.25	Panola
	Sugarberry	Celtis laevigata	15-4	66-6	117	317.63	Issaquena
	Shining (winged) Sumac	Rhus copallina	3-2	32-0	29	75.00	Pontotoc
	Southern Sumac	Rhus glabra	1-3	13-6	29	47.38	Washington
**	Swamp-privet	Forestiera acuminata	8-4	48-6	41	153.13	Washington
	Sweetgum	Liquidambar styraciflua	18-9	57-0	140	379.25	Sharkey

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	Common sweetleaf	Symplocos tinctoria	2-10	27-6	61	101.88	George
	American Sycamore	Platanus occidentalis	19-2	87-0	137	388.75	Coahoma
	Chinese tallowtree	Sapium sebiferum	8-2	50-0	66	176.50	Amite
	Black Tupelo	Nyssa sylvatica var. sylvatica	12-6	77-0	140	309.25	Amite
	Swamp Tupelo	Nyssa sylvatica var. biflora	16-1	67-6	96	305.88	Wayne
	Water Tupelo	Nyssa aquatica	23-2	59-0	90	382.75	Humphreys
	Rusty Viburnum	Viburnum raffidulum	1-8	18-0	37	61.50	Hinds
	Black Walnut	Juglans nigra	17-2	88-0	136	364.00	DeSoto
	White (Butternut) Walnut	Juglans cinerea	3-6	30-0	65	114.50	Carroll
	Water-elm	Planera aquatica	7-9	49-0	45	150.25	Washington
	Southern Wax Myrtle	Myrica cerifera	1-8	18-0	25	49.50	Amite
	Atlantic White-cedar	Chamaecyparis thyoides	5-3	25-0	77	146.25	Pearl river
	Northern White-cedar	Thuja occidentalis	5-2	26-0	40	108.50	Quitman
	Black Willow	Salix nigra	11-2	52-0	152	299.00	Jefferson
	Sandbar Willow	Salix exigua	1-1	7-0	39	53.75	Washington
	Weeping Willow	Salix babylonica	8-6	50-0	52	166.50	Carroll
	Common Winterberry	Ilex verticillata	0-10	13-0	15	28.25	Amite
	Mountain Winterberry	Ilex montana	1-0	9-9	41	55.44	Amite
	Whitch-hazel	Hamamelis virginiana	0-11	17-3	36	51.31	Amite
	Yellow poplar	Liriodendron tulipifera	17-6	87-0	139	370.75	Amite