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2012 Register of Champion Trees

Champion State Tree – American Elm
Owned by Bryan & Michelle Vidger and daughter Arianna, Fargo, ND

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Champion Tree Program

The NDSU-North Dakota Forest Service maintains the records for the Champion Tree Program. The "ND Register of Champion Trees" contains trees and the runner-ups. Nominations for the largest tree of each genus and species are accepted throughout the year, and are due no later than December 31 at the state headquarters. The register is updated with the new champions and released shortly after the New Year.

Roots of the Program

On May 4, 1984, the ND Society of American Foresters and the ND Tree Farm Committee began a public contest on Arbor Day (the first Friday of May in ND) to find the largest of each native tree species in the state. The contest focused on getting some attention for trees and their owners, while having some fun. It was modeled after the "National Register of Big Trees" run by American Forests. The owner(s) of the largest tree in each native tree species category below received a wood plaque as a prize the following Arbor Day.

American elm
Balsam poplar
Birch
Black ash
Boxelder
Bur oak
Cottonwood
Green ash
Hackberry
Ironwood
Limber pine
Linden/basswood
Peach leaf willow
Ponderosa pine
Quaking/trembling aspen
Rocky Mountain juniper
Slippery elm

In 1986, when North Dakota's state centennial emphasis was on *planting 100 million trees* was initiated, the North Dakota Forest Service and Centennial Trees Commission joined as sponsors. The "ND Champion Tree Register" was renamed and expanded to include the first and second native and naturalized non-native trees. Since that time, winners and nominators have both received a certificate and have been included in the Register.

Common Questions

What is a tree? A tree is defined as any plant that has achieved one erect perennial woody stem or trunk at least 3 inches in diameter 4-1/2 feet above the ground (breast height); a definitely formed crown of foliage; and a height of at least 13 feet. To be a champion tree, a tree must meet these minimum requirements. In contrast, shrubs are small woody plants, usually with several perennial stems branching at the base.

What is eligible? A tree is eligible as long as it is rooted and in relatively good health. Measurements for height and average crown spread incorporate all parts of the tree, dead or alive. Native and naturalized non-native trees growing in North Dakota are acceptable. Only major species are accepted, **NO cultivars or named varieties.**

Common buckthorn was removed in 2011, as it is considered an undesirable species in North Dakota.

What's the difference between native and naturalized non-native? Native tree species (also called indigenous) are wild and grew naturally in the undisturbed environment before the arrival of Europeans. A naturalized non-native tree is an introduced species that has become established and is reproducing on its own in "wild" settings.

How long does a champion tree stay in the register? A tree stays in the register until it is dethroned by a larger tree or dies. When two trees have scores that fall within 5 points of each other, they may be listed as co-champions. Trees are measured not more than every 5 years.

Can I visit the champion trees? The champion trees located on public land can be visited without a problem. If a tree is located on private land, we ask that you respect the private landowner and ask permission before making a visit.

How can I nominate a champion tree? At the back of this register is the information you need and a form that can be submitted to the ND Forest Service headquarters by December 31.

What is North Dakota's largest tree? A cottonwood in Ransom County with a girth of 318-inches (26 feet, 6 inches), 115-feet tall and an average crown spread of 110-feet.

What is the nation's largest tree? The "General Sherman" giant sequoia in California is the largest living thing in the world (as heavy as 360 elephants) with a girth of 1,020-inches (85-feet), 274-feet tall and an average crown spread of 107-feet.

The **American Forests** keeps the record for the "National Register of Big Trees," sponsored by the Davey Tree Expert Company. This program began in 1940. A copy of the national register of big trees can be obtained by calling 1-800-368-5748, Ext. 202, or found at their web site at: http://www.americanforests.org/our-programs/bigtree/

The **NDSU-North Dakota Forest Service** provides the "ND Register of Champion Trees" free upon request in hard copy or it can be found on our web site in a pdf file at: www.ndsu.edu/ndfs/champion_trees_of_nd/

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Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

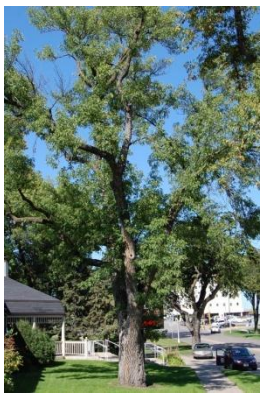
NATIVE TREES

ASH

GREEN, *Fraxinus pennsylvanica*

DM: 7/98	**1.**	10’ 11”	81’	80’	232

Location: 333 Fourth Street South, Fargo, ND
Owner: F-M Community Theater, Fargo, ND
Nominator(s): Dr. Dale Herman, Fargo, ND and Bob Kloubec, Moorhead, MN



Champion Green Ash
F-M Community Theater, O*wn*er
Fargo, ND

ASPEN

QUAKING, *Populus tremuloides*

DM: 11/03	**1.**	6’ 4”	65’	36’	150

Location: West side of Loon Lake, Turtle Mountains, Bottineau, ND
Owner: Nancy Wold, 912 South Gardner Dr., Chaneler AZ 85224 (602) 713-4011
Nominator: David Klingbeil and Keith Broe, Bottineau ND

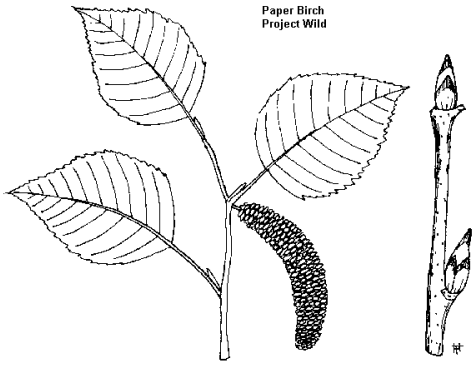
Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

BIRCH

PAPER BIRCH, *Betula papyrifera*

1.	6’ 5”	61’	40’	148

Location: ¼ Mile West of Lake Metigoshe, Bottineau County
Owner: Danny Johnson, Bottineau ND; (701) 228-3042
Nominator: Danny Johnson, Bottineau ND



2.	6’ 1”	57’	45’	141

Location: Homen State Forest, Bottineau County
Owner: North Dakota Forest Service
Nominator: Walter Pasicznyk, Bottineau ND

WATER BIRCH, *Betula occidentalis*

1.	2’	31’	58’	70

Location: SW 1/4 , Sec 16, T136N, R103W, Slope County
Owner: North Dakota State Land Department
Nominator: Dr. Richard Cunningham, Bismarck ND (701) 258-6937

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

BOXELDER

Acer negundo

DM: 8/05	**1.**	17’ 9”	46’	70’	276

Location: 4 Miles south of Tolna, ND on the south side of Sheyenne River
GPS: N47-46-670, WO 98-26-525
Owner: Fred Lundeby, Tolna ND (701) 262-4916
Nominator: Fred Lundeby, Tolna ND

Champion Boxelder
Fred Lundeby, owner
Tolna, ND

	2.	12’ 1”	61’	63’	222

Location: 1430 Fifth Avenue South, Fargo ND
Owner: Lois Mickelson, Fargo ND
Nominator: Lee Dexter, Fargo ND

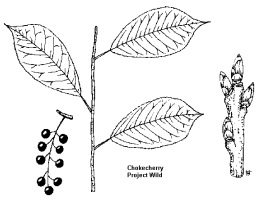
Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

CHOKECHERRY – ND State Fruit

Prunus virginiana

DM: 8/05	**1.**	3’ 9”	45’	17’	94

Location: 719 Sixth Avenue NE, Devils Lake ND
Owner: Linda Otto
Nominator: Mrs. Doug Nerby, Manvel ND (701) 696-2414



COTTONWOOD – Largest tree and tallest tree in ND.

Populus deltoids

DM: 8/05	**1.**	26’ 6”	115’	110’	461

Location: SW ¼ Sec 21, Twp 136-54 Greene, Ransom County
GPS N46 33 996/WO 97 29 323 (701-882-3421)
Owner: Lee & Judy Schobinger, 5836 140 Ave SE, Sheldon ND 58068
Nominator: Sharon Bartels, Lisbon ND

Champion Cottonwood
Lee & Judy Schobinger, owners
Sheldon, ND

Bob Kloubec takes official measurements of the State’s largest tree!

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

Populus deltoids – **Tree with the largest circumference in ND.**

DM: 10/12	**2.**	28’ 7”	94’	81’	457

Location: 1 mi west and ¾ mi south of Horace – N 46 45 04.9 / W 096 55 36
Sec. 19 Twp 138N R 490W - Cass County
Owner: Robert A. Bensen, 326 Wall Street, Horace ND 58047; (701) 282-0128
Nominator(s): Robert A. Bensen, Horace, ND

Cottonwood with largest circumference
Robert A. Bensen, owner
Horace, ND

Forester Lorin Fornes is taking official measurements.

SMOOTH-BARK, *Populus acuminate*

	1.	10’	84’	59’	219

Location: SW ¼ Sec 26, T136N, R103W, Slope County
Owner: North Dakota State Land Department
Nominator: Dr. Richard Cunningham, Bismarck ND (701) 258-6937

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

ELM

AMERICAN, *ulmus americana* – **ND State Tree (*see photo on front cover*)**

DM: 9/05	**1.**	15’ 0”	82’	89.5’	284

Location: 1012 Ninth Street South, Fargo ND
Owner: Bryan and Michelle Vidger, Fargo ND 58103 (701) 293-7550
Nominator: Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN and Scott Liudahl, Fargo ND

DM: 5/05	**2.**	16’ 5”	62’	77’	278

Location: Sec 12, T134N, R56W, Ransom County, Rose Street, Lisbon ND
Owner: City of Lisbon
Nominator: Bob Harsel, Lisbon ND, NDFS (701) 683-4912

Second Place Elm Tree
City of Lisbon, owner
Lisbon ND

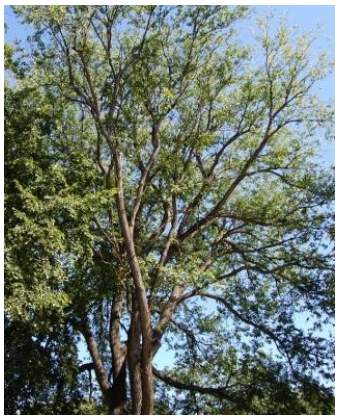
Bob Harsel, ND Forest Service, is trying to hug the large tree.

SLIPPERY, *Ulmus rubra*

DM: 8/01	**1.**	9’ 6”	74’	65’	204

Location: 1138 First Street North, Fargo ND
Owner: Cindy Keney, Fargo ND (701) 232-7258
Nominator: Dr. Dale Herman, Fargo ND (701) 232-7258

Champion Slippery Elm
Cindy Keney, Owner
Fargo, ND



Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

HACKBERRY

COMMON, *Celtis occidentalis*

DM: 8/01	**1.**	8’ 7”	68’	55’	185

Location: 1022 North Fifth Street, Bismarck
Owner: Larry Brown, Bismarck ND
Nominator: Paul Blumhardt, Bismarck ND

Champion Common Hackberry
Larry Brown, owner
Bismarck, ND

COMMON, *Celtis occidentalis*

DM: 01/12	**2.**	9’ 3”	50’	45’	172

Location: Kindred Farmstead N 46 37.421’ – W 097 11. 421’
Sec 5 Twp 136 N R 50W County Richland
Owner: Mark Erickson, 5447 East River Road, Kindred ND 58051; (701) 238-1168
Nominator: Mark Erickson and Lorin Fornes, ND Forest Service

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

IRONWOOD

Ostrya virginiana

DM: 10/02	**1.**	3’ 6”	38’	34’	89

Location: 919 Tenth Street North, Fargo ND 58102
Owner: Sarah Draxton, Fargo ND
Nominator: Bob Kloubec, Adam Klinnert and Jim Traun, all of Moorhead MN

Champion Ironwood
Sarah Draxton, owner
Fargo, ND

Ostrya virginiana

	2.	3’ 5”	33’	34’	83

Location: 1020 Fifth Street North, Fargo
Owner: Harold Unruh, Fargo ND
Nominator: Dr. Dale Herman, Fargo ND

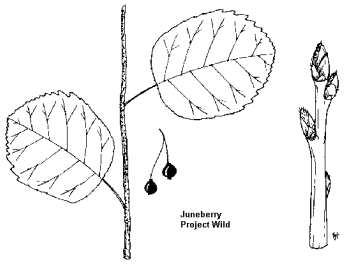
Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

JUNEBERRY

Amelanchier alnifolia

DM: 09/05	**1.**	7’ 5”	27.5	3.5	36

Location: ¾ miles south of Dazey on Hwy #1, east of house 200 yds
Owner: Todd Jorissen, 1636 109 Ave SE, Dazey ND 58429; (701) 733-2279
Nominator: Jerry Timm, 206 6th Ave NE, Valley City ND 58072; (701) 845-4016



DM: 09/11	**2.**	10’	17’	12’	30

Location: 1033 Fourth Street North, Fargo ND
Owner: Mary Bell, Fargo ND
Nominator: Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

JUNIPER

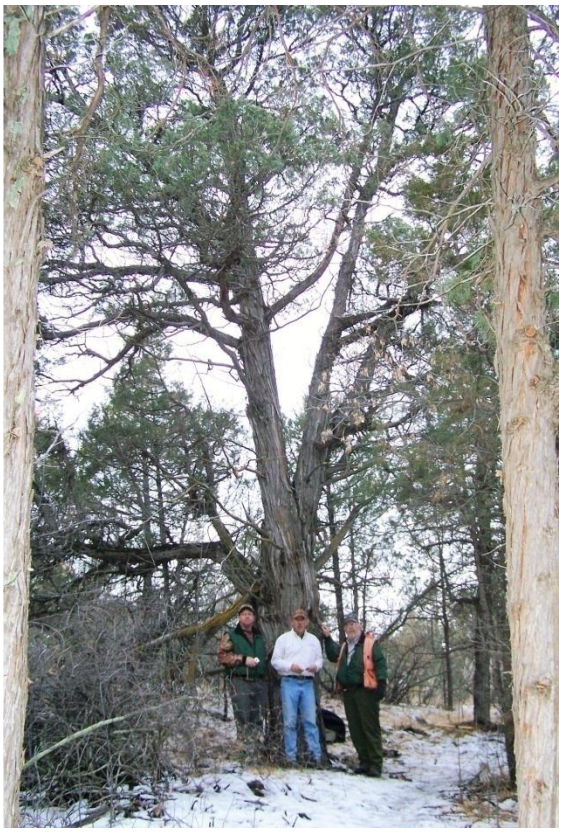
ROCKY MOUNTAIN, *Juniperus scopulorum*

DM: 12/08	**1.**	8’ 1”	34’	32’	139

Location: Along Summit Trail #8003 – Sec 15, T147N, R99W, McKenzie County
Lat: 47 degrees 33 minutes 34.98 seconds N
Long: 103 degrees 16 minutes 33.96 seconds W

Owner: USDA Forest Service, Dakota Prairie Grasslands, McKenzie Ranger District, 1901 South Main Street, Watford City ND 58854

Nominator: Curtis Glasoe, Russ Walsh and Dave Pieper, USDA Forest Service 99 23rd Avenue West, Suite B, Dickinson ND 58601; (701) 290-5171



Champion Rocky Mountain Juniper
USDA Forest Service, owner
McKenzie County

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points
ROCKY MOUNTAIN, *Juniperus scopulorum*					
	2.	7’ 6”	12’	16’	108

Location: Sec 13, T136N, R102W, Slope County
Owner: USDA Forest Service, 240 Century Ave W, Bismarck ND
(701) 250-4454 – Joe Washington at the Dickinson Office
Nominator: Dr. Dale Herman, Fargo ND

LINDEN

AMERICAN, *Tilia americana*

DM: 09/96	**1.**	13’ 1”	75’	64’	248

Location: Sec 8, T136N, R52W, Cass County
Owner: Fred Solhjem, Leonard ND (road closed to this location 8/06)
Nominators: John Challey and Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN

	2.	11’ 5”	63’	43’	210

Location: Powell Woods, Sec 5, T135, R52, Richland County
Owner: Carter Powell
Nominator: Bob Harsel, Lisbon ND

OAK

BUR, *Quercus macrocarpa*

DM: 10/02	**1.**	12’ 4”	83’	65’	248

Location: Sec. 36, Twp 147, R 53, Traill County
Owner: Bernhard Nelson, Mayville ND
Nominator: Levon Nelson, Mayville ND, and
Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN

Champion Bur Oak
Owner: Bernard Nelson
Mayville, ND

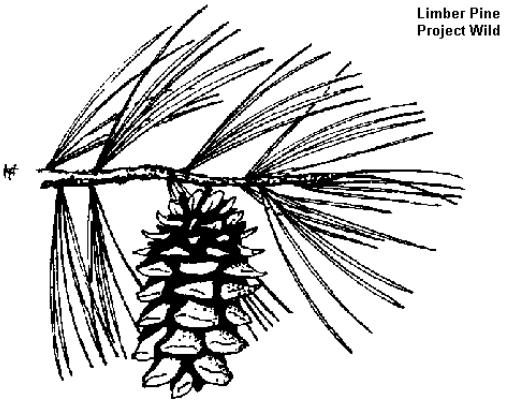
Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points
BUR, *Quercus macrocarpa*					
	2.	11’ 5”	85’	61’	237

Location: I-29 Rest area, Harwood ND
Owner: ND Department of Transportation
Nominator: Jason B. Siebels, Harwood ND

PINE

LIMBER, *Pinus flexilis*					
	1.	5’ 5”	39’	30’	111

Location: Rhame SW ¼, Sec 31, T135N, R105W, Slope County
Owner: USDA Forest Service, Dickinson Office – Josh Wilkie (701) 225-5151
Nominator: Richard Gilmore, Bismarck ND (701) 221-2453



PONDEROSA, *Pinus ponderosa*					
	1.	7’ 1”	73’	26’	165

Location: Logging Camp Ranch, Sec 17, T136N, R102W, Slope County
Owner: Robert and John Hanson, Bowman ND; (701) 279-5501 summer
Nominator: Richard Gilmore, Bismarck ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points
POPLAR					
BALSAM, *Populus balsamifera*					
DM: 10/05	**1.**	4’	54’	24’	108

Location: Homen State Forest, Bottineau County
Owner: North Dakota Forest Service, (Sandy Lake – along road by campground)
Nominator: Richard Gilmore, Bismarck ND

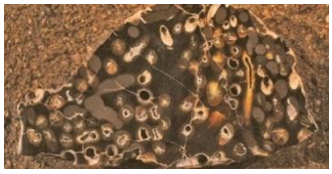
WILLOW					
DM: 09/05	**1.**	21’ 7”	40’	64’	315

Location: 7 miles SW of Warwick
Owner: Arrowhead Angus Ranch
Nominator: Mark and Connie Krebsback, Bismarck ND

2.	12’ 7”	68’	60’	234

Location: Lindenwood Park, Fargo ND
Owner: Fargo Parks District
Nominator: Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN

ND State Fossil – Teredo Petrified Wood



North Dakota was one of the first states to recognize a fossil symbol. Teredo petrified wood was designated as the official state fossil in 1967. Teredo petrified wood is unique because of the "worming" of the original wood by the prehistoric teredo - a worm-shaped mollusk related to modern clams, mussels, and oysters. 60 to 80 million years ago, the teredo was burrowing through trees growing near the edges of warm swamps in North Dakota during the Paleocene Epoch.

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

NON-NATIVE TREES

AMERICAN ARBORVITAE

Thuja occidentalis

	1.	6’ 2”	45’	30’	126

Location: Riverside Cemetery, Block 13, Lot #1, Fargo ND
Owner: Riverside Cemetery Association, 2102 Fifth Street South, Fargo ND
Nominator: Lowell Siebels, Harwood ND; (701) 282-5538

Champion American Arborvitae
Riverside Cemetery Association, owners
Fargo, ND

DM: 12/12	**2.**	5’ 11”	43’	34’	123

Location: 1109 – 5th Street North, Fargo ND 58102
Owner: Steve Hauge, Fargo, ND
Nominator: Steve Hauge, Fargo, ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

APRICOT

Prunus armeniaca

(DM: 10/05)	**1.**	3’ 3”	31’	43’’	81

Location: 510 25 Avenue North, Fargo ND
Owner: Craig and Karen Murie, Fargo ND
Nominator: Dr. Dale Herman, Fargo ND

Champion Apricot
Craig and Karen Murie, owners
Fargo, ND

ASH

WHITE, *Fraxinus Americana*

DM: 09/02	**1.**	3’ 6”	52’	38’	103

Location: One block south of the Courthouse in LaMoure ND
Owner: Ron Splitt, LaMoure ND
Nominator: Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN 56560

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points
WHITE, *Fraxinus Americana*					
	2.	1’ 10”	34’	21’	61

Location: 2207 25-1/2 Avenue South, Fargo ND
Owner: Trinia Becker
Nominator: Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN

ASPEN

SWEDISH, *Populus tremula*

DM: 09/06	**1.**	2’ 2”	74’	6’	102

Location: Sheyenne Gardens, Harwood ND
Owner: Neal Holland, 1710 29R Street SE, Harwood ND 58042
Nominator: Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN and Adam Klinnert, Moorhead MN

Champion Swedish Aspen
Neal Holland, owner
Harwood, ND

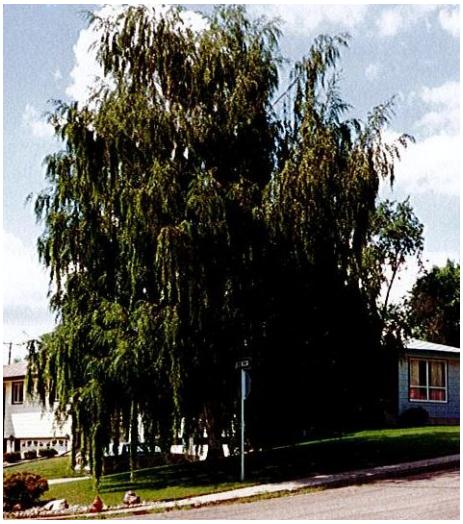
Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

BIRCH

CUTLEAF WEEPING/EUROPEAN WHITE, *Betula pendula*

DM: 09/12	**1.**	8’ 2”	47’	47’	157

Location: 1110 – 2nd Street NE, Mandan, ND 58554-3717 – Morton County
Owner: Anton J. Kautzman, Mandan, ND – (701) 663-5102
Nominator: Anton J. Kautzman, Mandan, ND



Champion Weeping White Birch
Anton J. Kautzman, owner
Mandan, ND

DM:	**2.**	6’ 10”	55’	50’	149

Location: County Line of Foster & Griggs, Kingsley Township, Griggs County
Owner: Dybwad Family, % Ray Walen, HC 1 Box 78A, McHenry, ND 58464
Nominator: Jackson Bird, Bismarck ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

RIVER, *Betula nigra*

DM: 10/03	**1.**	3’ 1”	42’	51’	92

Location: 414 Custer, Dickinson ND
Owner: Edward and Shirley Hartman (701) 225-5239
Nominator: Dickinson Urban Forestry Committee

Champion River Birch
Edward and Shirley Hartman, owners
Dickinson, ND

RIVER, *Betula nigra*

DM: 07/01	**2.**	2’ 3”	40’	38’	77

Location: 3013 Bohnet Boulevard, Fargo ND
Owner: Dennis Rismon
Nominator: Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN

BLACK LOCUST

Robinia pseudoacacia

DM: 07/03	**1.**	5’ 4”	45’	38’	119

Location: 513 15th Avenue North, Wahpeton ND
Owner: Gerda Burg
Nominator: Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN and Adam Klinnert, Moorhead MN

Champion Black Locust
Gerda Burg, owner
Wahpeton, ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points
Robinia pseudoacacia					
DM: 05/01	**2.**	3’ 6”	49’	30’	99

Location: North Dakota State University campus, west side by perennial flower bed
Owner: North Dakota State University
Nominator: Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN

BUCKEYE

Ohio, *Aesculus glabra*

DM: 08/05	**1.**	6’ 8”	57’	42’	147

Location: 606 Broadway, Fargo ND
Owner: St. Mary’s Church, Fargo ND
Nominator: Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN

Champion Ohio Buckeye
St. Mary’s Church, owner
Fargo, ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points
Ohio, *Aesculus glabra*					
	2.	5’ 11”	49’	38’	120

Location: 806 Broadway, Portland ND
Owner: Gladys Ryre, Portland ND
Nominator: Dr. Dale Herman, Fargo ND

BUTTERNUT

Juglans cinerea

DM: 08/05	**1.**	3’ 8”	44’	50’	93

Location: 623 Eighth Street South, Fargo ND 58103
Owner: David Humphery
Nominator: Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN

Champion Butternut Tree
David Humphery, Owner
Fargo, ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

CATALPA

NORTHERN, *Catalpa speciosa*

DM: 07/03	**1.**	4’ 5”	54’	31’	115

Location: 711 Fourth Street North, Wahpeton ND
Owner: Wade Hardy
Nominator: Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN, and Adam Klinnert, Moorhead MN

Champion Catalpa
Wade Hardy, owner
Wahpeton, ND

DM: 11/03	**2.**	2’ 4”	40’	39’	78

Location: 1523 Second Avenue N, Grand Forks ND
Owner: Lylah Sollom, Grand Forks ND
Nominator: Vernon Quam, Fargo ND

CEDAR

EASTERN RED, Juniperus virginiana

(None)

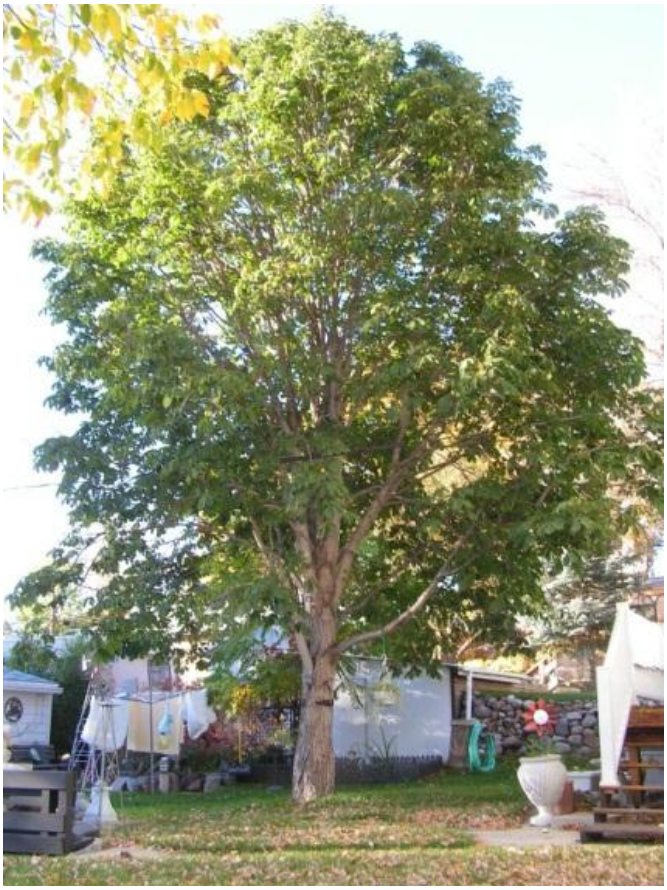
Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

CHESTNUT

EUROPEAN (HORSE), *Aesulus hippocastanum*

DM: 04/10	**1.**	5’2”	35’	26’	104

Location: 1418 Porter Avenue, Bismarck ND 58501
Owner: Peter Feist, Bismarck (701) 255-1738
Nominator: Beth Peske, Bismarck ND



Champion European (Horse) Chestnut
Peter Feist, owner
Bismarck, ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

COFFEETREE

KENTUCKY, *Gymnocladus dioicus*

DM: 08/05	**1.**	5’ 3”	57’	44’	131

Location: 1109 Fourth Street North, Fargo ND
Owner: Joe Freitag, Fargo ND; (701) 293-8795
Nominator: Dr. Dale Herman, Fargo ND

Champion Kentucky Coffeetree
Joe Freitag, owner
Fargo, ND

DM: 07/03	**2.**	3’ 10”	39’	25’	91

Location: 513 15th Avenue North, Wahpeton ND
Owner: Gerda Burg
Nominator: Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN, and Adam Klinnert, Moorhead MN

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

CORKTREE

Amur, *Phellodendron amurense*

DM: 09/06	**1.**	3’ 3”	45’	38’	94

Location: Sheyenne Gardens at Harwood ND
Owner: Neal Holland, 1710 29R Street SE, Harwood ND
Nominator: Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN

Champion Amur Corktree
Neal Holland, owner
Harwood, ND

CRABAPPLE

SIBERIAN, *Malus baccata*

(None)

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points
ELM					
ROCK, *Ulmus thomasii*					
DM: 08/05	**1.**	5’ 7”	60’	45’	138

Location: 1404 12th Avenue North, Fargo ND (S of NDSU)
Owner: Northland Educators Credit Union, Fargo ND
Nominator: Dr. Dale Herman, Fargo ND; (701) 232-7258

Champion Rock Elm
Northland Educators Credit Union, owner
Fargo, ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points
SIBERIAN, *Ulmus pumila*					
DM: 06/01	**1.**	14’ 6”	74’	88’	270

Location: 1438 Tenth Avenue South, Fargo ND
Owner: Keith and Teresa Haider; (701) 293-0999
Nominator: Hubert Haider, Bismarck ND; (701) 255-1296

Champion Siberian Elm
Keith and Teresa Haider, owners
Fargo, ND

	2.	10’ 10”	52’	54’	19

Location: Dickinson State University Campus
Owner: Dickinson State University
Nominator: Hollis Dietz, Dickinson ND

FIR

BALSAM, *Abies balsamea*					
DM: 08/05	**1.**	5’ 10”	50’	30’	127

Location: 210 Wolcott Avenue, Larimore ND
Owner: Andy Tveit, PO Box 161, Larimore ND 58251
Nominator: Dr. Dale Herman, Fargo ND; (701)232-7258

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

DOUGLAS-FIR, *Pseudotsuga menziesii*

DM: 08/05	**1.**	8’ 1”	58’	21’	160

Location: Sec 18, T159N, R55W, Crystal, Pembina County
Owner: Clyde Reilly, Crystal ND; (701) 657-2195
Nominator: Larry Kotchman, Bottineau ND

FRASIR FIR, *Abies fraseri*

DM: 12/11	**1.**	1’ 7”	17’	13’	50

Location: SE ¼ Twp 130N, R 56W in Binhampton Twp, Barnes County
GPS N46 45 798, WO 97 42 358
Owner: Arlen Huber, 4431 131st Ave SE, Fingal ND 58031 (701) 924-8278
Nominator: Easy Butler, Lisbon ND

Champion Fraser Fir
Arlen Huber, owner
Fingal, ND

ROCKY MOUNTAIN/SUBALPINE, *Abies lasiocarpa*

DM: 12/09	**1.**	2’ 5”	28’	24’	60

Location: 818 18th Street NE, Jamestown, ND
N 46 SS’ 37.4” W 098 41’ 48.9”
Owner: Dennis Roaldson, 818 18th Street NE, Jamestown, ND 58401; (701) 252-4579
Nominator: Vernon Quam, 102 – 3rd Avenue SE, Jamestown; (701) 252-5900

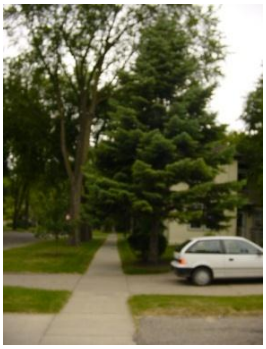
Champion Rocky Mountain Fir
Dennis Roaldson, owner
Jamestown, ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

WHITE, *Abies concolor*

DM: 08/05	**1.**	3’ 1”	32’	20’	74

Location: 1122 Eighth Street South, Fargo ND
Owner: Tom Monda, Fargo, ND 58102; (701) 239-5967
Nominator: Lowell Siebels, Harwood ND



Champion White Fir
Tom Monda, owner
Fargo, ND

DM: 09/09	2.	3’ 0”	24’	17’	64

Location: South Point of Bowman-Haley Dam, Bowman, ND
Owner: U.S. Corps of Engineers, % Robert Martin, PO Box 1752, Jamestown, ND 58402; (701) 252-7666
Nominator: Vernon Quam, 102–3rd Ave. SE, Jamestown ND 58401; (701) 252-5900

GINKGO

Ginkgo biloba

DM: 07/09	**1.**	2’ 2”	24’	27’	57

Location: East Side of Stearn Culture Center Building
Owner: ND State School of Science, 800 Sixth Street North, Wahpeton ND
Nominator: Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN, and Adam Klinnert, Moorhead MN

Champion Ginkgo
ND State School of Science, owners
Wahpeton, ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points
Ginkgo biloba					
	2.	1’ 8”	13’	23’	39

Location: 1146 Second Street North, Fargo ND
Owner: Alice Nolan, Fargo ND
Nominator: Dr. Dale Herman, Fargo ND

HEMLOCK

EASTERN, *Tsuga Canadensis*

DM: 07/98	**1.**	11”	12’	12’	26

Location: West side of Assumption Abbey
Owner: Assumption Abbey, 418 Third Avenue West, Richardton ND 58652
Father Thomas (701) 974-3315 thomas@assumptionabbey.com
Nominator(s): Bob Askew, Casselton ND, and Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN

Champion Eastern Hemlock
Assumption Abbey, owners
Richardton, ND

HICKORY

SHAGBARK, *Carya ovate*

DM: 08/05	**1.**	3’ 7”	50’	37’	102

Location: 301 Pate Avenue, Larimore ND, 2 blocks west of Nursing Home
Owner: Dorothy Bevan, Larimore ND; (701) 343-2348
Nominator: Dr. Dale Herman, Fargo ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

HONEYLOCUST

COMMON, *Gleditsia triacanthos*

	1.	5’ 10”	60’	40’	140

Location: 111 3rd Avenue South, Fargo ND
Owner: Charles and Monica Mohs, Fargo ND 58103; (701) 293-0611
Nominator(s): Lowell Siebels, Harwood ND, and Vernon Quam, Fargo ND

DM: 08/12	**2.**	6’ 0”	39’	33’	119

Location: 420 West Thayer Avenue, Bismarck ND 58501
Owner: Jake Axtman: (701) 220-5659
Nominator(s): Jake Axtman, Bismarck, ND

HOPTREE

Ptelea, trifoliate

DM: 08/05	**1.**	3’ 1”	15’	19’	56

Location: 5503 South University Drive, Fargo ND
Owner: City of Fargo (leased to River Keepers); (701) 235-2895
Nominator: Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN

Champion Hoptree
City of Fargo owners
Fargo, ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

LARCH

EASTERN, *Larix laricina*

DM: 08/05	**1.**	6’ 5”	74’	41’	127

Location: 1119 North Broadway, Fargo ND
Owner: Wolfgang and Eeva Salejarvi-Teder, Fargo ND; (701) 298-7912
Nominator: Walter Pasicznyk, Bottineau ND

Champion Eastern Larch
Wolfgang and Eeva Salejarvi-Teder, owners
Fargo, ND

EUROPEAN, *Larix deciduas*

DM: 08/05	**1.**	6’ 10”	83’	41’	175

Location: 1125 Fourth Street North, Fargo ND
Owner: Stuart La Boundy, Fargo ND
Nominator: Richard Gilmore, Bismarck ND

Champion European Larch
Stuart La Boundy, owner
Fargo, ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points
SIBERIAN, *Larix sibirica*					
	1.	4’	55’	18’	108

Location: Denbigh Experimental Forest
Owner: USDA Forest Service
Nominator(s): Glenn Roloff, Missoula MT and Roy Laframboise, Towner ND (701) 537-5636

LILAC

JAPANESE TREE, *Syringa reticulate*

DM: 06/04	**1.**	2’3”	22’	20’	54

Location: 738 Riverview Drive, Valley City ND
Owner: Louise Broten, 802 Riverside Drive, Valley City ND 58072
Nominator(s): Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN and Adam Klinnert, Moorhead MN

Champion Japanese Tree Lilac
Louise Broten, owner
Valley City, ND

JAPANESE TREE, *Syringa reticulate*

DM: 08/03	**2.**	1’ 6”	21’	22’	45

Location: Sheyenne Gardens, Harwood ND
Owner: Neal Holland, 1710 29R Street SE, Harwood ND
Nominator(s): Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN and Adam Klinnert, Moorhead MN

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points
LATE, *Syringa villosa*					
DM: 08/05	**1.**	3’ 1”	16’	20’	58

Location: 211 Front Street, Larimore ND
Owner: Bob Vageline, 211 Front Street, Larimore ND 58251
Nominator(s): Dr. Dale Herman, Fargo ND and Larry Chaput, Fargo ND

Champion Late Lilac
Bob Vageline, owner
Larimore ND

LINDEN

LITTLELEAF, *Tilia cordata*					
DM: 08/05	**1.**	7’ 2”	48’	45’	113

Location: 118 Second Avenue South, Steele ND
Owner: Joe Hagen, Steele ND; (701) 475-2307
Nominator: Dr. Dale Herman, Fargo ND

Champion Littleleaf Linden
Joe Hagen, owner
Steele, ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

MONGOLIAN, *Tilia mongolica*

DM: 08/03	**1.**	1’ 10”	30’	10’	55

Location: Sheyenne Gardens, Harwood ND
Owner: Neal Holland, 1710 29 R Street SE, Harwood ND
Nominator(s): Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN, and Adam Klinnert, Moorhead MN

Champion Mongolian Linden
Neal Holland, owner
Harwood, ND

MAPLE

AMUR, *Acer ginnala*

DM: 08/05	**1.**	4’ 9”	29’	30’	77

Location: USDA Agriculture Research Station, Mandan ND
(200 Ft N of Administration Building)
Owner: USDA Agriculture Research Service
Nominator: Dr. Dale Herman, Fargo ND

Champion Amur Maple
USDA Agriculture Research Service, owner
Mandan, ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

NORWAY, *Acer platanoides*

(None)

RED, *Acer rubra*

DM: 08/05	**1.**	2’ 8”	35’	32’	75

Location: 501 24 Avenue North, Fargo ND
Owner: Willard Bahr, Fargo ND
Nominator(s): Larry Chaput, Fargo ND, and Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN

Champion Red Maple
Willard Bahr, owner
Fargo, ND

SILVER, *Acer saccharinum*

DM: 05/11	**1.**	16’ 9”	89’	90’	312

Location: 4902 University Drive South, Fargo, ND
Owner: Robert Penner; (701) 491-2575
Nominator: Robert Penner

Photo coming soon.

Champion Silver Maple
Robert Penner, owner
Fargo ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points
SILVER, *Acer saccharinum*					
	2.	14’ 4”	62’	92’	259

Location: 3 Miles East and 2 ½ Miles North of Wyndmere
Owner: James Shorma, Wyndmere ND
Nominator: James Shorma, Wyndmere ND

SUGAR, *Acer saccharum*

DM: 08/05	**1.**	7’ 7”	67’	52’	157

Location: 707 Eighth Street South, Fargo ND
Owner: Michael Weiner, Fargo ND (701) 235-2598
Nominator: Dr. Dale Herman, Fargo ND

Champion Sugar Maple
Michael Weiner, owner
Fargo, ND

MAY DAY

Prunus padus

(None)

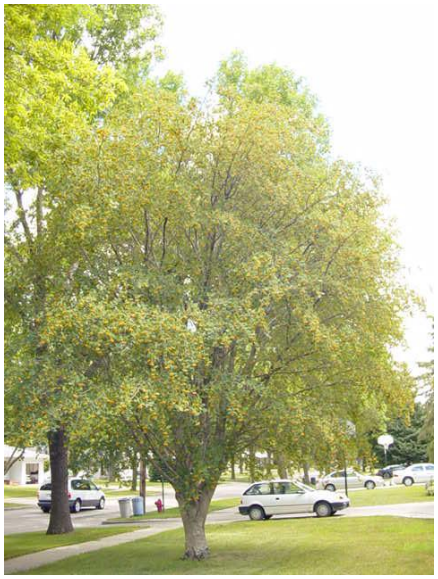
Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

MOUNTAIN ASH

Sorbus aucuparia

DM: 08/05	**1.**	5’ 3”	42’	30’	112

Location: 110 23rd Avenue North, Fargo ND
Owner: Jeff Weitzel, Fargo ND
Nominator: Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN



Champion Mountain Ash
Jeff Weitzel, owner
Fargo, ND

DM: 09/00	**2.**	4’ 10”	36’	32’	102

Location: 1219 Sixth Street South, Fargo ND
Owner: Ron and Eva McCullough, Fargo ND
Nominator: Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN

MULBERRY

RED, *Morus rubra*

(None)

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

WHITE, *Morus alba*

DM: 08/05	**1.**	3’ 11”	50’	47’	109

Location: 1819 64th Avenue North, Fargo ND (east of house 30 feet)
Owner: Art Lies
Nominator: Bob Koubec, Moorhead MN

Champion White Mulberry
Art Lies, owner
Fargo, ND

OAK

MONGOLIAN, *Quercus mongolica*

DM: 09/06	**1.**	4’ 11”	40’	40’	109

Location: East Side of Morrill Hall, NDSU campus, Fargo
Owner: North Dakota State University
Nominator: Dr. Dale Herman, Fargo ND

Champion Mongolian Oak
North Dakota State University, owner
Fargo, ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points
MONGOLIAN, *Quercus mongolica*					
DM: 08/03	**2.**	3'1"	36'	20'	84

Location: Sheyenne Gardens, Harwood ND
Owner: Neal Holland, 1710 29R Street SE, Harwood ND
Nominator(s): Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN, and Adam Klinnert, Moorhead MN

PECAN

Carya illinoensis

DM: 08/05	**1.**	15"	22'	20'	34

Location: 731 12 Street North, Fargo ND 58103
Owner: Paul and Pam Burkhardt, Fargo ND
Nominator(s): Bob Kloubec, Adam Klinnert and Jim Traun, all of Moorhead MN

Champion Pecan
Paul & Pam Burkhardt, owners
Fargo, ND

PINE

AUSTRIAN, *Pinus nigra*

	1.	4' 9"	55'	32'	120

Location: Mandan Field Station
Owner: USDA Agriculture Research Service
Nominator: Dr. Dale Herman, Fargo ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points
JACK, *Pinus banksiana*					
	1.	5’ 1”	48’	40’	119

Location: 15 Miles NW of Towner ND
Owner: The Livedahlen Family, Towner ND
Nominator: Ross Laframboise, Towner ND

	2.	4’ 1”	52’	28’	108

Location: RR 1 Box 24, Fullerton ND
Owner: Carl and Ellen Larson, Fullerton ND
Nominator: Walter Pasicznyk, Bottineau ND

RED, *Pinus resinosa*					
	1.	3’ 2”	64’	19’	107

Location: Denbigh Experimental Forest, Denbigh ND
Owner: USDA Forest Service
Nominator: Richard Gilmore, Bismarck ND

	2.	2’ 11”	38’	16’	77

Location: ND ¼, Sec 35, T162W, R56W
Owner: North Dakota Game and Fish Department
Nominator: Al Peterson, Marchfield, Wisconsin

SCOTCH, *Pinus sylvestris*					
DM: 07/03	**1.**	7’ 10”	55’	49’	161

Location: Chahinkapa Zoo, Wahpeton ND
Owner: Chahinkapa Zoo, 1900 North Fourth Street, Wahpeton ND
Nominator(s): Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN, and Adam Klinnert, Moorhead MN

Champion Scotch Pine
Chahinkapa Zoo, owner
Wahpeton, ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points
SCOTCH, *Pinus sylvestris*					
	2.	6’ 11”	56’	42’	150

Location: 1043 First Avenue West, New England ND
Owner: New England Assembly of God
Nominator: Mark A. Glaser, Dickinson ND

WHITE, *Pinus strobes*

DM: 10/12	**1.**	5’ 9”	60’	42’	140

Location: 3559 – 82nd Avenue SE, Jamestown, ND 58401
Owner: Levi Nenow: (701) 320-4787
Nominator: Vernon Quam, 4175 Hwy 281 SE, Jamestown ND 58401

Champion White Pine
Levi Nenow, owner
Jamestown, ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points
WHITE, *Pinus strobes*					
	2.	4’	62’	36’	119

Location: 817 Second Street North, Fargo ND 58102
Owner: Carlee O’Dell; (701) 235-9583
Nominator: Dr. Dale Herman, Fargo ND

POPLAR

WHITE, *Populus alba*

DM: 12/09	**1.**	14’ 9”	72’	86’	261

Location: 15 – 2nd Avenue SW, Bowman
46 11’ 02.52062”N 103 24’ 13.96764”W
Owner: City of Bowman, Parks & Recreation Department, % Glen Moser,
PO Box 12, Bowman ND 58623; (701) 523-3896
Nominator: Vernon Quam, 102–3rd Ave. SE, Jamestown ND 58401; (701) 252-5900

Champion White Poplar
City of Bowman, owner
Bowman, ND

Tree was officially measured by:
Roger Ashley-NDSU Extension,
Curtis Glasoe-US Forest Service,
Marissa Krebs-US Forest Service, and
Andrea Bowman- County Agent.

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points
WHITE, *Populus alba*					
DM: 12/09	**2.**	11’ 9”	78’	79’	239

Location: 16 – 2nd Avenue SW, Bowman, ND
46 10’ 54.76635”N 103 23’ 53.19131”W
Owner: Todd Walby, 16 – 2nd Avenue SW, Bowman, ND 58623; (701) 523-4189
Nominator: Vernon Quam, 102–3rd Ave. SE, Jamestown ND 58401; (701) 252-5900

RUSSIAN OLIVE

Elaeagnus angustifolia

DM: 07/06	**1.**	6’ 3”	49’	50’	137

Location: East side of Industrial Ag Communications Center Building
Owner: North Dakota State University, Fargo ND
Nominator(s): Bob Koubec, Moorhead MN, and Larry Chaput, Fargo ND

Champion Russian Olive
North Dakota State University, owner
Fargo, ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

SPRUCE

BLACK, *Picea mariana*

DM: 11/97	**1.**	4’ 5”	51’	23’	110

Location: NW Corner of 7th and Thompson Street, Bottineau
Owner: Jay McKay, 1761 92 Street, Willow City ND 58384-9751
Nominator: Bob Underwood, Bottineau ND

COLORADO BLUE, *Picea pungens*

DM: 08/05	**1.**	8’ 3”	98’	33’	205

Location: 1301 South 10 Street, Fargo ND
Owner: Wayne Hoeck, Fargo ND (701) 293-0569
Nominator: Lowell Siebels, Harwood ND (701) 282-5538

Champion Colorado Blue Spruce
Wayne Hoeck, owner
Fargo, ND

DM: 09/96	**2.**	7’ 4”	76’	31’	172

Location: First Avenue North and Third Street North, Leonard ND
Owner: Clark Richards, Leonard ND
Nominator: Richard Gilmore, Bismarck ND

ENGELMANN, *Picea Engelmannii*

DM: 09/00	**1.**	3’ 5”	53’	17’	111

Location: Sec. 10 Twp 162N R 69W, Rolette County
Owner: Terry Lindbo, RR 1 Box 203, Rolla ND
Nominator: Terry Lindbo, RR 1 Box 203, Rolla ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

NORWAY, *Picea abies*

DM: 08/05	**1.**	10’	80’	48’	212

Location: 14151 62-1/2 Street SE, Lisbon ND
Right by the house, N46 30 825, WO 97 27 165
Owner: Rodger and Ardis Evanson, Lisbon ND 58054 (701) 882-3245
Nominator(s): Sharon Bartels, Enderlin ND and Tim Spiekermeier, Sheldon ND

Champion Norway Spruce
Rodger and Ardis Evanson, owners
Lisbon, ND

	2.	7’ 10”	60’	32’	162

Location: RR 1 Box 9, Ft. Ransom ND
Owner: Herb Martinson, Ft. Ransom ND
Nominator: Snorrie Thorfinnson, Ft. Ransom ND

WHITE, *Picea glauca*

DM: 08/05	1.	9’ 5”	98’	43’	222

Location: Sec 18, T159N, R55W, Crystal, Pembina County
Owner: Clyde and Carol Reilly, Crystal ND (701) 657-2195
Nominator: Larry Kotchman, Bottineau ND

Champion White Spruce
Clyde and Carol Reilly, owners
Crystal, ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

SYCAMORE

Platanus occidentalis

DM: 08/05	**1.**	6’ 5”	51’	45’	139

Location: 905 North 12 Street, Bismarck ND on the Boulevard
Owner: City of Bismarck
Nominator: Paul Blumhardt, Bismarck ND

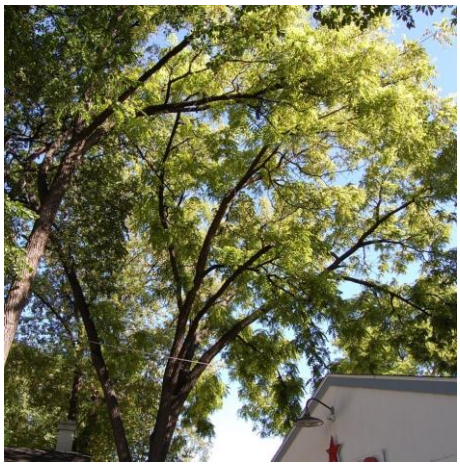
Champion Sycamore
City of Bismarck, owner
Bismarck, ND

WALNUT

BLACK, *Juglans nigra*

DM: 01/02	**1.**	7’ 9”	68’	50’	169

Location: Fargo ND
Owner: (confidential)
Nominator: Lowell Siebels, Harwood ND



Champion Black Walnut
Fargo, ND

Species		Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points
BLACK, *Juglans nigra*					
	2.	7’ 3”	58’	48’	157

Location: 815 North Tenth Street, Fargo ND
Owner: Tony and Sherry Dingmann, Fargo ND
Nominator: Dr. Dale Herman, Fargo ND

WILLOW

GOLDEN, *Salix alba*

DM: 08/02	**1.**	24’ 10”	71’	65’	372

Location: East side of Mickelson Field (Park System), Fargo ND
Owner: Fargo Parks Department, 701 Main Avenue, Fargo ND 58103
Nominator(s): Bob Kloubec, Moorhead MN, and Lowell Siebels, Harwood ND

Champion Golden Willow
Fargo Parks Department, owner
Fargo, ND

DM: 1/10	**2.**	22’ 0”	66’	68’	347

Location: 328 – 5th Avenue SW (backyard), Jamestown, ND
Owner: Gary and Louvicia Mayer; (701) 252-0031
Nominator: Vernon Quam, 102 3rd Avenue SE, Jamestown ND 58401; (701) 252-5900

LAUREL, *Salix pentandra*

(None)

Species	Circumference at 4-1/2 feet (feet)	Height (feet)	Crown Spread (feet)	Total Points

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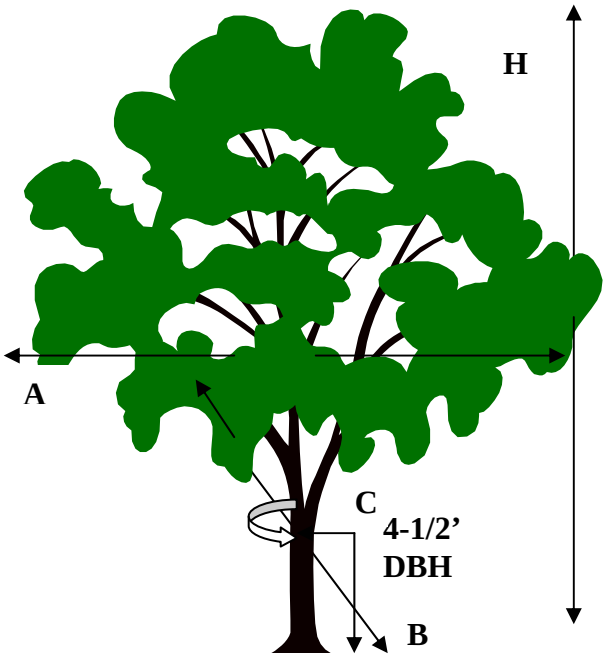
HOW TO NOMINATE A CHAMPION TREE

1. If you think you have a champion, fill in the nomination form on Page 53 and mail or e-mail it along with a (jpg) photo to the address at the bottom of the form. Forms are due by December 31 each year. If you have any questions, contact Glenda Fauske at (701) 228-5446 or Glenda.Fauske@ndsu.edu.
2. A tree is defined as any plant that has achieved one erect perennial woody stem or trunk at least 3 inches in diameter at 4-1/2 feet above the ground (breast height); has a definitely formed crown of foliage; and a height of at least 13 feet. To be a champion tree, a tree must meet these minimum requirements. In contrast, shrubs are small woody plants, usually with several perennial stems branching at the base.
3. A tree is eligible as long as it is rooted and in relatively good health. Native and naturalized non-native trees growing in North Dakota are acceptable. Only major species are accepted, **NO cultivars or named varieties.** Common buckthorn was removed in 2011, as it is considered an undesirable species in North Dakota.
4. If you are not sure what type of tree you have, you may also send in a small branch with several attached twigs and leaves so it can be identified. Put them in a sealed plastic bag and mail it along with the nomination form in a bubble bag.
5. If the tree is a possible new state champion, a forester or designated representative will visit the tree and officially measure it.
6. If it is a new state champion, the owner and nominator will each receive a certificate and the tree will be added to the "ND Champion Tree Register." It will stay there until it is dethroned by a larger tree or dies.

HOW TREES ARE MEASURED TO GET POINTS

The following formula accumulates three measurements to get the **Total Points: Circumference (in inches) + Height (in feet) + ¼ of the Average Crown Spread (in feet).**

- ***(C) Circumference*** of the trunk at breast height (4-1/2 feet above the ground) in feet and inches. If there is a fork at this point, measure the smallest circumference below the fork. If it branches below 4-1/2 feet, measure the largest fork above the branching.
- ***(H) Height*** in feet, from the base to the topmost twig of the tree.
- **(A & B)** One quarter of the *average* ***Crown Spread*** in feet. The crown spread should be measured in two directions, perpendicular to each other, at the widest portion and the most narrow. The average of the two measurements is taken as the average crown spread.



The total of these three rounded figures gives a single figure denoting the score. In case of a tie, the tree with the largest trunk circumference becomes the winner. Trees will not be re-measured until five years have passed.

CHAMPION TREE NOMINATION FORM

Common Tree Name: _____ Date Nominated: _____

Genus and species (if known): _____

Tree Location: _____ or GPS Reading: _____

or Section: _____ Twp: _____ R: _____ County _____

Tree Health Condition *(circle or check one):* Excellent Good Fair Poor

Estimated Circumference: ___ ft. ___ in. (4-1/2 ft. from the ground) Height: ____ ft.

Crown Spread: A ____ + B ____ = _____ total feet divided by 2 = the average of ____

Please include a photo or e-mail a digital jpg to: Glenda.Fauske@ndsu.edu.

Optional: If you desire, provide historical or interesting information about the tree.

FOR ND FOREST SERVICE USE ONLY Date officially measured: _____

Circumference in inches _____ + Height in feet _____ + ¼ of the Average Crown

Spread in feet _____ **= Total Cumulative Points** _____ Measured by: _____

If this is a champion, as the owner my signature below authorizes the release of my name, the tree and its location in a news release, on the NDFS web site and in the public "Register."

Signature of Tree Owner: _____

Print Name of Tree Owner: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail (optional): _____

Nominator of Tree: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail (optional): _____

MAIL THIS FORM TO: Champion Tree Register – G. Fauske
NDSU-North Dakota Forest Service
307 – 1st Street East
Bottineau ND 58318-1100

Or email to: glenda.fauske@ndsu.edu
Questions call: Glenda at (701) 228-5446

Deadline is December 31 of each year.