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The Nebraska Champion Tree Program is designed to educate, and to promote our state's tree resources. The Program's goal is to find the largest specimen of each tree species in the state. Both native and introduced trees are included.

Nebraska's Champion Tree Program also encourages communities to hold their own Champion Tree contests to generate interest in community tree resources. Maybe some State Champions will be found in the process.

## **New National Champion Eastern Cottonwood**

An eastern cottonwood tree located on an old farmstead owned by Bob Mishler of Holbrook, Nebraska, has been designated as National Co-Champion by the America Forestry Association's Big Tree Program. This tree is tied with one in Idaho as the largest of its species in the United States. It has a 35 foot stem circumference, 96 foot height, and 121 foot average crown spread for a total of 546 points. This is a truly amazing tree, and Mr. Mishler should be proud.



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## Tree Measurement

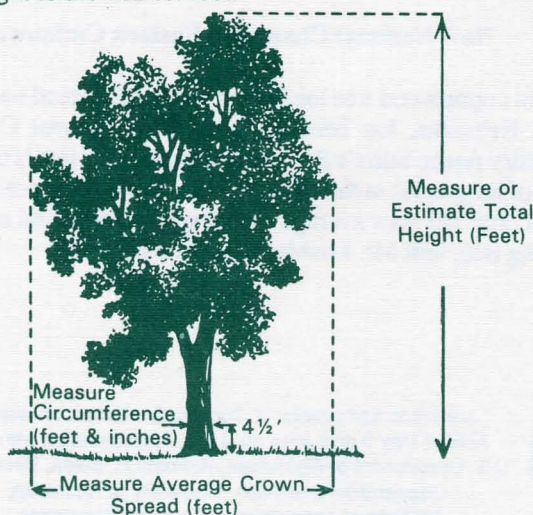
The Nebraska Champion Tree Program uses the rules of the American Forestry Association's Big Tree Program for measurement and point calculation.

A tree is defined as a woody plant having an erect, perennial stem or trunk. This trunk must measure at least 3 inches in diameter at a point 4-1/2 feet above the ground. The tree must have a definitely-formed crown of live foliage and a height of at least 13 feet.

Champions are determined by assigning points based on trunk circumference, height, and crown spread. Trees will be measured as follows:

**Circumference** — Measure around the trunk at a point 4-1/2 feet above the ground. If the tree is on a slope, measure 4-1/2 feet from the ground on the uphill side. If a swelling, branch, or other obstruction occurs at 4-1/2 feet, measure below the obstruction where the circumference is the least. Forked trees should be measured at the point below the fork (4-1/2 feet or below) where the circumference is the least. Report circumference in feet and inches.

**Height** — This measurement is difficult but necessary for a nomination. An estimate of height can be obtained using a yardstick. First, pace off or measure 100 feet from the base of the tree, preferably on the level. Next, hold the yardstick vertically 25 inches from your eye (about an arm's length). Site along the zero-inch mark to the base of the tree. Then, read the inch mark that aligns with the tree top. This reading in inches multiplied by four gives you the tree's height in feet. A leaning tree's height is measured vertically from the ground to the top of the tree, not along the leaning trunk. Measure height to the nearest foot.



**Crown Spread** — Crown spread is the average width of the tree's crown. This measurement should be taken from one edge of the crown, through the tree's trunk to the opposite edge. Determine where the crown's edge is by hanging a weight from a string and sighting up the resulting vertical line. Move back and forth until the string



lines up with the crown's edge. The tree's widest and narrowest crown spread should be measured to the nearest foot. Add these measurements and divide by two to get the average crown spread.

To figure a tree's total point score, assign one point for every inch of stem circumference, one point for each foot of height, and one-fourth point for each foot of average crown spread. The tree with the most points is the Champion for that species. If two or more trees are within 2 points of each other, they will be declared Co-Champions.

### Nomination Procedure

Anyone can nominate a tree for inclusion in Nebraska's Champion Tree Register. If you have measured a possible Champion Tree and its total points are close to or larger than the current Champion for that species, complete the nomination form in this bulletin. The appropriate information can also be sent in a letter if a nomination form is not available.

1. **Record the tree's measurements.** Indicate if the circumference was measured at a height other than 4-1/2 feet and why. Fill in the name, address, and phone number of the owner(s) and nominator(s), the tree's location, and its species. Give complete information, especially on tree location.

2. **Enclose three or four inches of twig (with leaves if possible) for positive species identification.** Placing the sample between two pieces of cardboard works quite well for drying and mailing. Photographs or slides of the tree are also very helpful.

3. **Send the completed nomination form and sample to:**

Champion Tree Program  
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife  
101 Plant Industry  
East Campus, University of Nebraska  
Lincoln, NE 68583-0814

4. The Nebraska Forest Service will confirm the tree's species, check the current Register to see if the tree is a possible Champion, and if it is, will measure the tree to determine its exact score. If the tree is a new Champion, it will be entered into the Champion Tree Register. The owner and nominator will receive a Certificate of Recognition signed by the Governor and State Forester.

Nebraska's Champion Trees as of 1991 are listed alphabetically by common name in *Table I*. Latin names are included below the common names. If more than one nominator is listed for a species, only the first nominator's town is included. Tree locations are approximate. Please note that many of these trees are on private land. Always obtain permission before looking for trees on private land.

Symbols that designate native species (+) and Co-Champions (\*) are placed after the common name. Please inform us of any mistakes or incomplete entries you notice in this table.



Table 1. Nebraska's Champion Trees, 1991

<i>Species</i>	<i>Circumference</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Crown Spread</i>	<i>Nominator and Year of Last Measurement</i>	<i>Location and Owner</i>
Arborvitae, Eastern	9' 2"	36'	35'	Bruce Walker, Falls City (1985)	4-1/2 east and 4-3/4 north of Falls City;
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	<b>Total Points = 155</b>				Kenneth Rieger
Ash, Blue	7' 4"	56'	47'	Carol Heying, Lincoln (1981)	UNL East Campus, just east of 38th and Holdrege
<i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i>	<b>Total Points = 156</b>				Holdrege St. entrance; Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln
Ash, European	3' 2"	24'	20'	Mike Kuhns, Lincoln (1989)	Southwest corner of Younkers store, Gateway
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	<b>Total Points = 67</b>				Mall, Lincoln; Gateway Mall
Ash, Green +	15' 1"	84'	77'	Frank McKivergan, Ponca (1986)	4 north of Ponca on Hwy. 12; Frank
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	<b>Total Points = 284</b>				McKivergan
Ash, White +	6' 1"	71'	45'	Jerry E. Bucy, Falls City (1987)	3 south and 3-1/2 east of Rulo, in native woods;
<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	<b>Total Points = 155</b>				George Ogden Sr.
Aspen, Quaking +	5' 7"	77'	25'	Mike Kuhns and Steve Rasmussen	Near Jackson; Melvin Peterson
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	<b>Total Points = 150</b>			Lincoln (1988)	
Baldcypress	8' 11"	64'	26'	Karen Leichner, Lincoln (1981)	UNL East Campus, southeast corner of C.Y.
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	<b>Total Points = 178</b>				Thompson Library; Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln
Beech, European	5' 0"	33'	30'	Michael Kuhns, Lincoln (1989)	Between Younkers and Dillards on south,
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	<b>Total Points = 101</b>				Gateway Mall, Lincoln; Gateway Mall
Birch, European White	5' 4"	62'	36'	L. Homan, W. Weare, & H.	4th & Dayton St., Cedar Rapids; Cedar
<i>Betula pendula</i>	<b>Total Points = 135</b>			Weare, Cedar Rapids (1986)	Rapids Public Schools
Birch, Paper +	3' 6"	45'	30'	Paul Andreas, Omaha (1981)	Arbor Lodge Historical Park, Nebraska
<i>Betula papyrifera</i>	<b>Total Points = 95</b>				City; Nebraska Game & Parks Comm.
Birch, River	4' 0"	42'	47'	Mike Kuhns, Lincoln (1988)	Front yard, 3923 "C" St., Lincoln; Mrs. E. B.
<i>Betula nigra</i>	<b>Total Points = 102</b>				Schrepf
Boxelder +	17' 3"	41'	52'	John Walkowiak, North Platte (1984)	4 west of U.S. 83 on State Farm Road south of
<i>Acer negundo</i>	<b>Total Points = 261</b>				North Platte; Bernice Bookwalter
Buckeye, Ohio +	8' 0"	56'	55'	Rex & Sally Gfeller, Lincoln (1985)	4902 Pratt St., Omaha; Robert Belli, Jessica
<i>Aesculus glabra</i>	<b>Total Points = 166</b>				LaCrosse
Buckeye, Ohio +	7' 10"	58'	55'	Lewis Wilson, St. Edward (1989)	408 W. Dayton at school, southeast of gym
<i>Aesculus glabra</i>	<b>Total Points = 166</b>				entrance; Cedar Rapids Schools

Butternut <i>Juglans cinerea</i>	4' 9"	46'	40'	Dennis Adams, Lincoln (1980)	0.8 west of Brownville on 2nd St.; Jim & Deanna Kordick
	<b>Total Points = 113</b>				
Catalpa, Northern <i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	15' 2"	60'	69'	Mike Kuhns, Lincoln (1991)	4116 "G" St., Lincoln; Diane K. Henke
	<b>Total Points = 259</b>				
Cherry, Black + <i>Prunus serotina</i>	12' 7"	63'	55'	Steve Rasmussen, Wayne (1986)	712 E. 1st St., Neligh; Ralph Black
	<b>Total Points = 228</b>				
Chestnut, American <i>Castanea dentata</i>	14' 6"	52'	55'	Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Hall, Nemaha (1982)	1-1/2 south of Nemaha, east side of Hwy. 67; Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Hall
	<b>Total Points = 240</b>				
Chestnut, Chinese <i>Castanea mollissima</i>	4' 11"	29'	40'	George Pinkerton, Beatrice (1990)	1521 N. 12th, Beatrice, north edge of property; Mrs. Ben W. Siefkes
	<b>Total Points = 98</b>				
Chokecherry + <i>Prunus virginiana</i>	3' 3"	26'	32'	D. E. Hutchinson, Lincoln (1980)	2213 N. 64th St., Lincoln; Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Sandstedt
	<b>Total Points = 73</b>				
Coffeetree, Kentucky + <i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	9' 4"	72'	52'	Dennis Kuhr, Creston (1986)	9 south and 1 west of Leigh; Walter Wahl
	<b>Total Points = 197</b>				
Cottonwood, Eastern + <i>Populus deltoides</i>	35' 0"	96'	121'	Larry Gibson, Alma (1990)	Northeast of Arapahoe in old farmstead on north side of road, east of creek. National Champion; Bob Mishler
	<b>Total Points = 546</b>				
Crabapple + <i>Malus spp.</i>	5' 10"	36'	44'	Gus Shires, Lincoln (1984)	13th & N St., Auburn, Dan & Chris King
	<b>Total Points = 117</b>				
Douglas-Fir <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	6' 6"	69'	36'	Steve Rasmussen & Tom Schmidt, Wayne (1987)	Lydick Farm-7-1/2 W., 8 N., and 1-1/2 E. of Tekamah; Board of Ed. Lands & Funds
	<b>Total Points = 156</b>				
Elm, American + <i>Ulmus americana</i>	15' 11"	90'	92'	Neal Jennings, Lincoln (1981)	3 south and 5 east of Nemaha; Elm Tree Farm, Inc.
	<b>Total Points = 304</b>				
Elm, Rock + <i>Ulmus thomasii</i>	9' 1"	45'	60'	Bob Lowe and Larry Schaffer, O'Neill (1989)	5-1/4 south of O'Neill near Hwy. 281; James Shoemaker
	<b>Total Points = 169</b>				
Elm, Siberian <i>Ulmus pumila</i>	12' 6"	106'	84'	Connie Harrington, North Platte (1977)	In front of house #9 of West-Central R&E Ctr., North Platte; U. of Nebr.-Lincoln
	<b>Total Points = 277</b>				
Fir, Concolor <i>Abies concolor</i>	8' 0"	54'	39'	Bruce Walker, Falls City (1985)	4-1/2 east and 4-3/4 north of Falls City, east side of road; Kenneth Rieger
	<b>Total Points = 160</b>				

+ Indicates native trees. \* Indicates Co-Champions (must be within 2 points of each other).



Table 1. Continued.

<i>Species</i>	<i>Circumference</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Crown Spread</i>	<i>Nominator and Year of Last Measurement</i>	<i>Location and Owner</i>
Ginkgo <i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	10' 10"	50'	62'	Raymond Yost, Nebraska City (1981)	On the land of Raymond Yost, Nebraska City; Raymond Yost
Goldenrain tree	7' 5"	53'	43'	Julie Huntington & Kitty Moore, Nebraska City (1980)	Arbor Lodge Historical Park, Nebraska City; Nebraska Game & Parks Comm.
<i>Koeleruteria paniculata</i>					
Hackberry + <i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	19' 6"	60'	80'	Don Baade, South Sioux City (1985)	1 north and 1 west of South Sioux City; Paul & Alice Hirschbach
Hawthorn, Downy + <i>Crataegus mollis</i>	8' 1"	35'	30'	Ralph Steyer, Blair (1977)	1106 Colfax St., Blair; Mrs. Ruth Bedke
Hemlock, Eastern <i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	9' 5"	55'	50'	Dave Mooter, Omaha (1985)	1418 Monroe St., Ft. Calhoun; Dorothy Sievers
Hickory, Bitternut + <i>Carya cordiformis</i>	6' 1"	101'	67'	Dr. Robert L. Heins, Lincoln (1977)	1/2 north and 3-1/2 west of Barada; Dr. Robert L. Heins
Hickory, Pignut <i>Carya glabra</i>	6' 2"	65'	50'	Cyril Bish, Lincoln (1981)	Wilderness Park, Lincoln; Lincoln Parks and Rec. Dept.
Hickory, Shagbark + <i>Carya ovata</i>	7' 5"	86'	42'	Dennis Adams, Lincoln (1980)	3 north of Barada, near Indian Cave State Park; Elm Tree Farm, Inc.
Honeylocust + <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	13' 9"	69'	94'	Gerald Hedges, Bennet (1977)	South edge of Bennet, 200 yards west of pump station; Gerald Hedges
Hophornbeam, Eastern + <i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	2' 8"	50'	44'	Dr. Robert L. Heins, Lincoln (1977)	3 east of Barada; Dr. Robert L. Heins
Horsechestnut <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	8' 10"	76'	44'	Phil Rzewnicki, West Point (1987)	731 N. Main St., West Point; Ken & Susan Hugo
Larch, European <i>Larix decidua</i>	9' 6"	56'	65'	Dave Mooter, Omaha (1981)	Miller Park, Omaha; City of Omaha
Lilac, Chinese <i>Syringa x chinensis</i>	4' 0"	30'	21'	Mark McVicker, Lincoln (1991)	S.W. of Filley Hall, East Campus, UNL; Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln

Lilac, Japanese Tree <i>Syringa reticulata</i>	5' 5"	42'	36'	Micah King, Hazard (1988)	I block east of school, Hazard; John King
	<b>Total Points = 116</b>				
Linden, American + <i>Tilia americana</i>	13' 1"	100'	78'	John Anderson, Hastings (1987)	414 W. 10th St., Hastings; Harry A. Borley
	<b>Total Points = 277</b>				
Locust, Black <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	12' 7"	63'	42'	Ralph Steyer, Blair (1980)	Fort Atkinson State Historical Park; Nebraska Game & Parks Comm.
	<b>Total Points = 225</b>				
Magnolia, Cucumbertree <i>Magnolia acuminata</i>	5' 6"	48'	36'	Wayne Willmeng, Lincoln (1980)	405 S. 28th St., Lincoln; Anne Christopulose
	<b>Total Points = 123</b>				
Magnolia, Saucer <i>Magnolia x soulangiana</i>	4' 10"	26'	30'	George Pinkerton, Beatrice (1990)	West of 3rd & Marlborough, front of house, Beatrice; Rick and Patty Spady
	<b>Total Points = 92</b>				
Maple, Amur <i>Acer ginnala</i>	5' 0"	27'	37'	Nolan Rundquist, Fremont (1989)	Backyard, 2049 N. Maxwell, along 21st St., Fremont; Mrs. Ruth Caldwell
	<b>Total Points = 96</b>				
Maple, Norway <i>Acer platanoides</i>	12' 3"	51'	70'	Dave Mooter & Steve Karloff, Omaha (1989)	Corner of Pine St. and 4th St., Snyder; Town of Snyder
	<b>Total Points = 216</b>				
Maple, Silver + <i>Acer saccharinum</i>	22' 1"	84'	76'	Jeffrey Troupe & James Swenson, Oakland (1988)	Oakland City Park, directly easet of baseball stadium; City of Oakland
	<b>Total Points = 369</b>				
Maple, Sugar <i>Acer saccharum</i>	10' 6"	64'	74'	Bruce Walker, Falls City (1990)	1/8 south of Stella and 1/4 west of cemetery on south side of road; Ardis Findlay
	<b>Total Points = 209</b>				
Mulberry, Red + <i>Morus rubra</i>	17' 5"	53'	53'	Dennis Adams, Lincoln (1978)	5 south and 4-1/2 east of Auburn; Bart Barnes
	<b>Total Points = 275</b>				
Oak, Black + <i>Quercus velutina</i>	13' 5"	68'	62'	Bruce Walker, Falls City (1980)	1-1/4 west and 1/2 south of Barada; Rick Kuker
	<b>Total Points = 245</b>				
Oak, Blackjack + <i>Quercus marilandica</i>	3' 4"	40'	34'	Luann Finke, Lincoln (1991)	Maxwell Arboretum, East Campus, UNL; Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln
	<b>Total Points = 89</b>				
Oak, Bur + <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	16' 10"	71'	93'	Rick Hamilton, Lincoln (1977)	2 south and 1/4 east of Johnson; Kiel E. Eltiste
	<b>Total Points = 296</b>				
Oak, Chinkapin + <i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	10' 9"	68'	72'	Dennis Adams, Lincoln (1978)	Indian Cave State Park; Nebraska Game & Parks Comm.
	<b>Total Points = 215</b>				
Oak, English <i>Quercus robur</i>	11' 3"	65'	79'	David Burke, Omaha (1985)	Joslyn Castle, 2902 Davenport, Omaha; Omaha Board of Education
	<b>Total Points = 220</b>				

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Oak, Northern Red +* <i>Quercus rubra</i>	13' 9"	76'	75'	Roger Moellendorf, Fremont (1982)	1445 N. Nye St., Fremont; Paul & Marcella Christensen
	<b>Total Points = 260</b>				
Oak, Northern Red +* <i>Quercus rubra</i>	14' 6"	67'	70'	Dave Shorney, Plattsmouth (1979)	Plattsmouth City Park; City of Plattsmouth
	<b>Total Points = 259</b>				
Oak, Pin <i>Quercus palustris</i>	13' 7"	83'	95'	Henry Epp, Lincoln (1989)	Backyard, 3001 South St., Lincoln; Ardene DeCory
	<b>Total Points = 266</b>				
Oak, Scarlet <i>Quercus coccinea</i>	6' 0"	50'	46'	Bud Dasenbrock, Lincoln (1991)	Maxwell Arboretum, East Campus, UNL; Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln
	<b>Total Points = 134</b>				
Oak, Swamp White + <i>Quercus bicolor</i>	9' 2"	69'	72'	Cyril Bish, Lincoln (1981)	2500 Woodscrest St., Lincoln; Dr. Hiram David Hilton
	<b>Total Points = 197</b>				
Oak, White + <i>Quercus alba</i>	7' 6"	58'	55'	Cyril Bish, Lincoln (1979)	City property; City of Lincoln
	<b>Total Points = 162</b>				
Osage-Orange <i>Maclura pomifera</i>	14' 5"	60'	60'	Rick Hamilton, Lincoln (1977)	Minick House, Brownville; Tom Palmerton
	<b>Total Points = 248</b>				
Pagoda-Tree, Japanese <i>Sophora japonica</i>	8' 7"	64'	52'	Julie Huntington & Kitty Moore, Nebraska City (1981)	Arbor Lodge Historical Park, Nebraska City; Nebraska Game & Parks Comm.
	<b>Total Points = 180</b>				
Pear, Harbin <i>Pyrus ussuriensis</i>	6' 1"	32'	46'	R. Straight & S. Rasmussen, Ord (1989)	12 south of Ord, west side of Hwy. 70 at farmstead; Jean Gartside
	<b>Total Points = 117</b>				
Pecan <i>Carya illinoensis</i>	8' 1"	90'	60'	Neal Jennings, Lincoln (1977)	Northwest edge of Brownville, behind old farmstead; Jim & Deanna Kordik
	<b>Total Points = 202</b>				
Persimmon <i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	7' 3"	57'	37'	Gerald Hopp & Jerry Bucy, Falls City (1987)	Pioneer Park, 19th & Towle St. Falls City; City of Falls City
	<b>Total Points = 153</b>				
Pine, Austrian <i>Pinus nigra</i>	9' 7"	44'	43'	Bill Bryant, Hickman (1986)	On Locust St. between 7th & 8th St., Panama; Bill Bryant
	<b>Total Points = 170</b>				
Pine, Eastern White <i>Pinus strobus</i>	8' 10"	94'	40'	Julie Huntington & Kitty Moore, Nebraska City (1981)	Arbor Lodge Historical Park, Nebraska City; Nebraska Game & Parks Comm.
	<b>Total Points = 210</b>				

Pine, Lacebark <i>Pinus bungeana</i>	2' 4"	53'	17'	Larry Group, Lincoln (1980)	Northeast of East Campus Union, UNL, Lincoln; Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln
	Total Points = 85				
Pine, Limber + * <i>Pinus flexilis</i>	5' 11"	78'	36'	Michael Kuhns & Rich Lodes, Lincoln (1989)	Front yard, 2100 "C" St., Lincoln; Mickey J. & Donna R. Harris
Pine, Limber + * <i>Pinus flexilis</i>	7' 3"	61'	36'	S. Rassmussen & T. Schmaderer, Concord (1990)	Lydick Farm - 7-1/2 west, 8 north, and 1-1/2 east of Tekamah; Board of Ed. Lands & Funds
Pine, Pinyon <i>Pinus edulis</i>	1' 1"	13'	11'	Thia Sherlock, Lincoln (1991)	Maxwell Arboretum, East Campus, UNL; Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln
	Total Points = 29				
Pine, Ponderosa + <i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	8' 1"	93'	39'	Doak Nickerson, Scottsbluff (1987)	5-1/2 north of Harrison; Nebraska Game & Parks Comm.
	Total Points = 200				
Pine, Red <i>Pinus resinosa</i>	4' 0"	44'	29'	George Pinkerton, Beatrice (1990)	Northwest corner of 21st and High St., Beatrice; Mrs. Fred Vette
	Total Points = 99				
Pine, Scotch <i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	12' 4"	49'	67'	Mark Hyberger, Beatrice (1988)	Backyard, 1300 Jefferson St., Beatrice; Roger Weber
	Total Points = 214				
Planetree, London + <i>Platanus X acerifolia</i>	6' 7"	64'	23'	Paul Andreas, Omaha (1981)	Arbor Lodge Historical Park; Nebraska City; Nebraska Game & Parks Comm.
	Total Points = 149				
Plum, American + <i>Prunus americana</i>	2' 8"	22'	15'	Robert Leuenberger, Tecumseh (1980)	1 south and 1-3/4 west of Tecumseh; Steve Mommens
	Total Points = 58				
Poison-Ivy + <i>Rhus radicans</i>	2' 1"	50'	30'	Lawrence Dokulil, Omaha (1979)	Fontenelle Forest, Bellevue; Fontenelle Forest
	Total Points = 83				
Poplar, Lombardy <i>Populus nigra var italica</i>	9' 4"	65'	17'	K. Kochstein, T. Moser, S. Rasmussen, Hartington (1990)	In owner's yard in Hartington; Mrs. Deward Erickson
	Total Points = 181				
Poplar, White <i>Populus alba</i>	14' 5"	102'	78'	Roger Moellendorf, Fremont (1981)	423 W. 11th St., Fremont; Charles Post
	Total Points = 295				
Redbud, Eastern + <i>Cercis canadensis</i>	6' 8"	35'	32'	Neal Jennings, Lincoln (1985)	445 Lincoln St., Lyons; Rocky Lane
	Total Points = 123				
Redcedar, Eastern + <i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	8' 5"	72'	40'	W. Pischel & T. Gompert, Niobrara (1989)	6 south and 1 west of Verdel, south side of Niobrara River; Joe Pischel
	Total Points = 183				

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Redcedar, Western <i>Thuja plicata</i>	8' 1"	37'	30'	Wayne Centennial Tree Comm., Concord (1984)	Wayne Greenwood Cemetery; Wayne Greenwood Cemetery
	Total Points = 142				
Russian-Olive <i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>	9' 4"	55'	50'	Neal Jennings, Lincoln (1980)	7909 Leavenworth St., Omaha; Kenneth Olson
	Total Points = 180				
Sassafras <i>Sassafras albidum</i>	4' 3"	58'	23'	Paul Andreas, Omaha (1981)	Arbor Lodge Historical Park, Nebraska City; Nebraska Game & Parks Comm.
	Total Points = 115				
Serviceberry, Downy + <i>Amelanchier aborea</i>	1' 6"	25'	18'	Mike Kuhns & Gerald Hopp, Lincoln (1988)	Overlooking Missouri River on Trail 8, Indian Cave St. Pk.; Nebraska Game & Parks Comm.
	Total Points = 48				
Spruce, Blue <i>Picea pungens</i>	5' 6"	58'	26'	Paul Andreas, Omaha (1981)	Arbor Lodge Historical Park, Nebraska City; Nebraska Game & Parks Comm.
	Total Points = 131				
Spruce, Norway <i>Picea abies</i>	11' 1"	75'	55'	David Feder, Plattsmouth (1987)	14th St. and Ave. C., Plattsmouth; Nebraska Masonic Home
	Total Points = 222				
Sugarberry * <i>Celtis laevigata</i>	8' 1"	51'	51'	Klaus Hartmann, Lincoln (1983)	Lincoln Regional Center in southwest Lincoln; Lincoln Regional Center
	Total Points = 161				
Sugarberry * <i>Celtis laevigata</i>	8' 9"	41'	56'	Klaus Hartmann, Lincoln (1983)	Lincoln Regional Center in southwest Lincoln; Lincoln Regional Center
	Total Points = 161				
Sweetgum * <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	4' 6"	36'	41'	Wayne Willmeng, Lincoln (1986)	4510 E. Eden Dr., Lincoln; Jon H. Melkonian
	Total Points = 100				
Sweetgum * <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	4' 3"	44'	27'	S. Karloff & G. Pinkerton, Lincoln (1990)	1521 N. 12th, front yard; Mrs. Ben W. Siefkes
	Total Points = 102				
Sycamore + <i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	16' 6"	91'	112'	Neal Jennings, Lincoln (1980)	1/4 south and 1 west of Brownville; William Furnas
	Total Points = 317				
Tamarack <i>Larix laricina</i>	2' 1"	24'	10'	Brenda Smith, Lincoln (1988)	3645 N. 61st St., Lincoln; Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Smith
	Total Points = 52				
Tree-of-Heaven <i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	10' 8"	35'	30'	Ross Scott, Omaha (1984)	7805 N. 28th Ave., Omaha; John Haster
	Total Points = 171				

Walnut, Black + <i>Juglans nigra</i>	19' 6"	70'	76'	Richard Blohm, Allen (1989)	4-1/2 southwest of Martingsburg; Richard Blohm
Walnut, English <i>Juglans regia</i>	7' 0"	58'	66'	John Fech & Dave Mooter, Omaha (1990)	5630 S. 21st St., Omaha; Joe Zeleny
Willow, Black + <i>Salix nigra</i>	11' 8"	80'	52'	Steve Rasmussen, Wayne (1988)	12 north of Orchard on Verdigris Creek; Lowell and Barbara Peitzmeier
Willow, Weeping <i>Salix babylonica</i>	15' 4"	108'	56'	Steve Rasmussen & Jerry Hardy, Wayne (1988)	1st driveway on the west side of Hwy. 183, south of Niobrara River; Bill Jeffers
Yellow-Poplar <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	11' 8"	70'	66'	Jeffrey Troupe, Oakland (1991)	404 N. Osborn St., Oakland; Milo Bengford
Yellowwood <i>Cladrastis lutea</i>	6' 10"	53'	56'	Bruce Webster, Lincoln (1979)	Northeast corner of 20th St. & Euclid Ave., Lincoln; Robert Allington

+ Indicates native trees. \* Indicates Co-Champions (must be within 2 points of each other).



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\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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N or S E or W

\_\_\_\_\_ (nearest town) \_\_\_\_\_ (county) \_\_\_\_\_ (other location data,

\_\_\_\_\_ give as much detail as possible) \_\_\_\_\_

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TREE SPECIES — \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCUMFERENCE — \_\_\_\_\_ feet, \_\_\_\_\_ inches

(Measure at 4-1/2 feet from the ground. In the case of a branch or swelling at this point, measure below 4-1/2 feet where the circumference is the least.)

TOTAL HEIGHT — \_\_\_\_\_ feet DATE — \_\_\_\_\_

AVERAGE CROWN SPREAD — \_\_\_\_\_ feet

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Circumference \_\_\_\_\_ feet, \_\_\_\_\_ inches \_\_\_\_\_ points

Height \_\_\_\_\_ feet \_\_\_\_\_ points

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ total  
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