Nominate your favorite tree (public or private) for Austin's

2012 TREE OF THE YEAR

APPLICATION IS DUE JULY 31, 2012

http://austingo.austintexas.gov/page/tree-year

To be eligible, the nominated tree must be:

1. Located within Austin city limits.
2. Native or a listed species in the City of Austin's Grow Green booklet, available at local nurseries, Zilker Garden Center, or online at http://www.austintexas.gov/department/plants. Select the Trees pdf to view the tree section of the booklet online.
3. Visible from public property, or on public property.

Checklist of items to include:

- ❍ Completed application form (If the tree is on private property, make sure the the owner has signed the application.)
- ❍ A brief description of the tree and your reason(s) for nominating it
- ❍ Photograph of your nomination (will not be returned)
- ❍ A map or diagram indicating the location of the tree

One large tree and one small tree will be recognized.

Examples of eligible LARGE, Shade-providing trees:

Texas Ash
Bigtooth Maple
Eastern Red Cedar
Arizona Cypress
Bald Cypress
Montezuma Cypress
Cedar Elm
Lacebark Elm
Honey Mesquite
Bur Oak
Chinquapin Oak
Southern Live Oak
Monterey Oak
Texas Red Oak
Pecan
Soapberry

Examples of eligible SMALL, Understory trees:

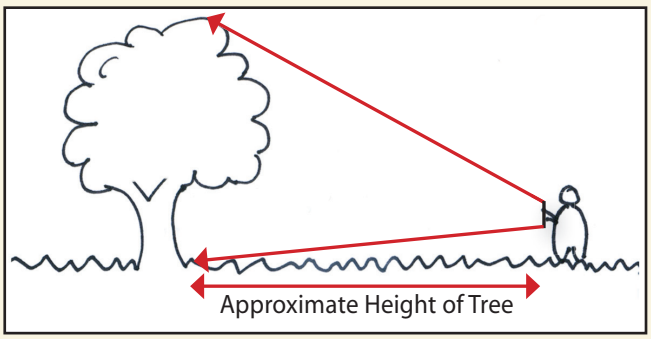
America Smoke Tree
Anacacho Orchid Tree
Mexican Buckeye
Red Buckeye
Carolina Buckthorn
Cherry Laurel
Chitalpa
Crape Myrtle
Desert Willow
Roughleaf Dogwood
Escarpment Black Cherry
Eve's Necklace
Flameleaf Sumac
Goldenball Leadtree
Possumhaw Holly
Yaupon Holly
Kidneywood
Texas Mountain Laurel
Lacey Oak
Texas Persimmon
Texas Pistachio
Mexican Plum
Pomegranate
Mexican Redbud
Retama Jerusalem Thorn
Rusty Blackhaw Viburnum
Sandankwa Viburnum

Community Tree of the Year Category

In addition to the annual Tree of the Year award, special recognition for a Community Tree of the Year may be given. To be considered for this award your Community tree nomination should demonstrate how your tree supports, promotes and creates community. For more information, please visit the Tree of the Year Web site listed above.

Application form is on the back ---->

Measuring Tree Height: The Stick Method



① Hold a stick vertically, making sure that the length of the stick above your hand equals the distance from your eye (cheek-bone) to your fingers when your arm is fully extended in front of your face.

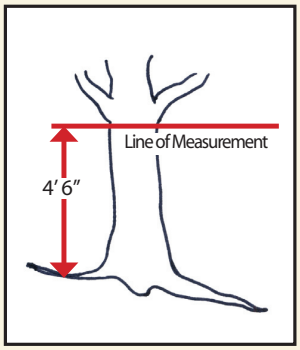
② Staying on ground level (or on the same level as base of tree), move away from the tree while sighting the trunk base above your hand.

③ Stop when the top of the stick is level with the top of the tree. You should be looking over your hand at the base of the tree. Moving only your eyes, look over the top of your stick at the top of your tree.

④ Measure how far you are from the tree. This measurement (in feet) is the tree's approximate height.

Measuring Trunk Circumference

Where to measure the distance in inches around the trunk.



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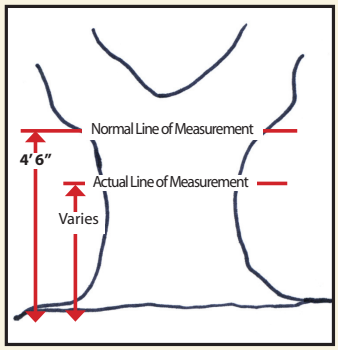

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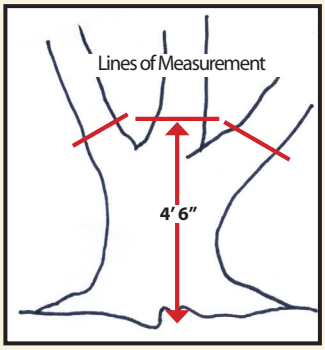
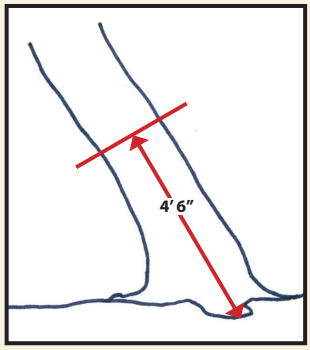


MULTI-STEMMED TREE



LEANING TREE

Please provide the following information about the tree you are nominating *(please print)*:

Address where tree is located: _____

Owner of property where tree is located (if applicable): _____

If on private property, the owner must consent to tree information and location being made available to the public (signature below).

_____**Owner's Signature** _____ **Date**

Location of tree on lot: _____

Your name (tree nominator): _____

Your address (tree nominator): _____

Your telephone number(s): _____

Your email: _____

Tree Species: _____ Size of tree: ❑ large or ❑ small

Tree Height (feet) _____ Trunk Circumference (inches) _____

On a separate sheet of paper, briefly describe the tree and explain why you are nominating it.

Please include a map & photograph (will not be returned), to help us recognize your tree.

Simply mail this application to:
Tree of the Year Program c/o Urban Forestry Department,
2525 Lakeshore Blvd., Austin, TX 78741.

For more information, e-mail treeofyear@austintexas.gov or call 482-5342,

or visit our Web site at **http://austingo.austintexas.gov/page/tree-year**

If selected, your favorite tree will receive a plaque that will be installed near its base, and will be used in special recognition events as an example of proper tree selection, care and placement.