



**TREE OF THE YEAR**

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

**2012**

# TREE OF THE YEAR

**APPLICATION IS DUE APRIL 30, 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 Downloadable Native and Adapted Plant Guide.
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

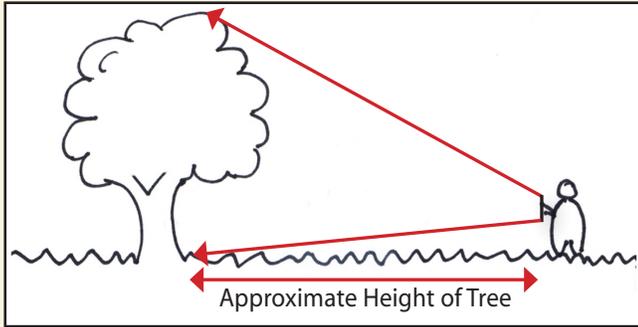
#### Examples of eligible SMALL, Understory trees:

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

### Community Tree of the Year Category

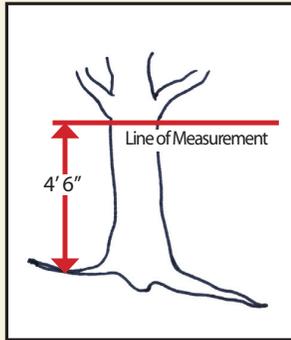
In addition to the annual Tree of the Year award, special recognition for a Community Tree of the Year may be given. To be considered for this award your Community tree nomination should demonstrate how your tree supports, promotes and creates community. For more information, please visit the Tree of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

## Measuring Tree Height: The Stick Method

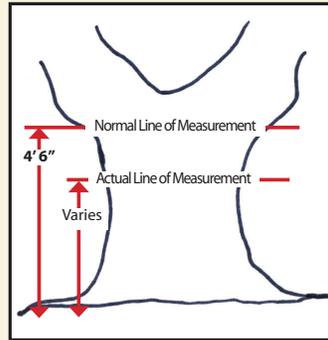


- ① Hold a stick vertically, making sure that the length of the stick above your hand equals the distance from your eye (cheekbone) to your fingers when your arm is fully extended in front of your face.
- ② Staying on ground level (or on the same level as base of tree), move away from the tree while 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.

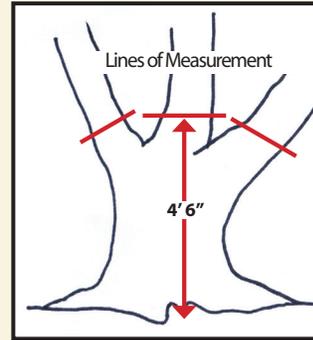
## Measuring Trunk Circumference *Where to measure the distance in inches around the trunk.*



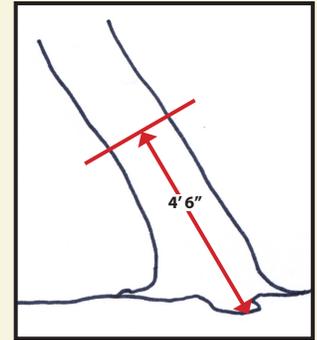
ON A SLOPE



IRREGULAR SWELLING



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](mailto: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.