

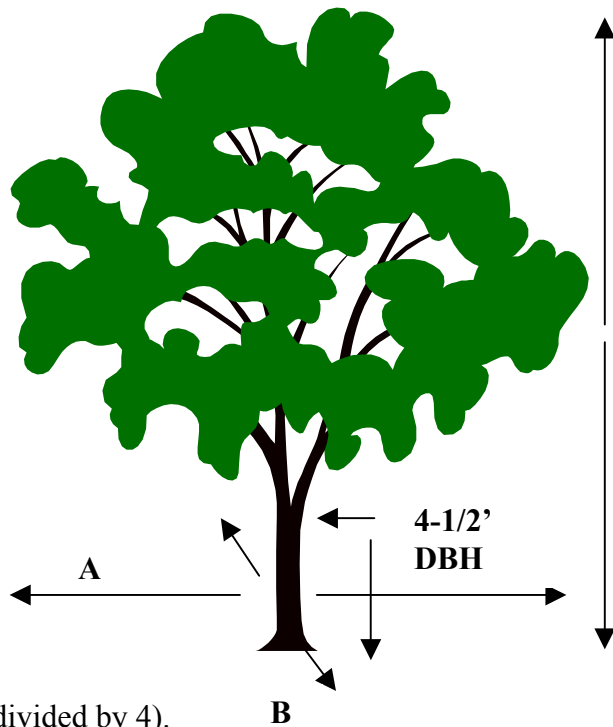
## HOW TO NOMINATE A CHAMPION TREE

1. If you think you have a champion, fill in the nomination form on Page 36 and mail it along with a photo to the address at the bottom of the form.
2. 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.
3. If the tree is a possible new state champion, a forester or designated representative will officially measure the tree.
4. If it is a new state champion, the owner and nominator will each receive a certificate and the tree will be added to the registry.

## HOW TREES ARE MEASURED TO GET POINTS

Tree size is based on three measurements, which are then converted into a point system. The tree with the most points in each species category becomes the winner. The three different measurements are:

- ◆ **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. These measurements are then converted into the total number of inches for the point system.
- ◆ **Height** in feet, from the base to the topmost twig of the tree.
- ◆ 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  
( $A+B$  divided by 2 = Average Crown Spread divided by 4).



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.

# CHAMPION TREE NOMINATION FORM

Tree Species: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Measured: \_\_\_\_\_

Scientific Name (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Tree Location: \_\_\_\_\_

or Section \_\_\_\_\_ Twp \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*** Provide historical or interesting information about the tree on the back of this sheet and enclose a photo.

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

Estimated Circumference: \_\_\_\_\_ feet \_\_\_\_\_ inches (4-1/2 feet from the ground)

Estimated Height: \_\_\_\_\_ feet

A \_\_\_\_\_ + B \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ divided by 2 = \_\_\_\_\_ feet is Estimated *Average* Crown Spread

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\_\_\_\_\_ ft. + \_\_\_\_\_ in. = total in inches \_\_\_\_\_  
total height in feet = \_\_\_\_\_  
Measured By: \_\_\_\_\_ average crown spread divided by 4 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Measured: \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Cumulative Points** = \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Tree Owner:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator of Tree:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

## MAIL THIS FORM TO:

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North Dakota Forest Service  
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Bottineau ND 58318-1100

*Questions???*

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