

CHAMPION TREES OF SOUTH AFRICA
(Individual Trees and Groups of Trees Declared as Protected Under Section 12
of the National Forests Act of 1998 by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry
and Fisheries)

Tree measurements and rankings may change over time as trees are re-measured and new candidates are added to the list. A single diameter is also calculated for multiple stems according to a formula. Overall size index is calculated according to a formula including height, trunk and crown diameter. In the case of tree groups, measurements are shown of the tallest or biggest trees. For groups of trees, the measurements of the tallest or largest trees are indicated.

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1	<i>Adansonia digitata</i> (baobab) Sagole Tree, also known as Muvuyo wa Makhadzi	The largest indigenous tree of South Africa, and habitat for a rare colony of mottled spinetail swallows	20,5	10,8	40	426	Sagole, Limpopo
2	<i>Adansonia digitata</i> (baobab) PART OF CROWN COLLAPSED	Second largest indigenous tree in South Africa	17	15,9	37,05	413	The farm Glencoe, Hoedspruit, Limpopo
3	<i>Ficus salicifolia</i> (Wonderboom fig) Wonderboom fig of Pretoria	Largest Wonderboom fig, carbon dated to more than 1000 years old. Served as ox-wagon outspan area in earlier years, and legend that the tree draws its growing power from a local chief buried under the tree	22	5,32 (multiple stems)	56	380	Wonderboom Nature Reserve, Pretoria (Tshwane), Gauteng
4	<i>Breonadia salicina</i> (matumi) One of a trio of trees called Three Queens	Largest matumi tree in South Africa	33	2,81	37	336	Amorentia Estate, near Modjadjiskloof, Limpopo
5	<i>Breonadia salicina</i> (matumi) One of a trio of trees called Three Queens	Second largest matumi tree in South Africa	38	2,6	24,9	306	Amorentia Estate, near Modjadjiskloof, Limpopo
6	<i>Breonadia salicina</i> (matumi) One of a trio of trees called Three Queens	Third Largest matumi tree in South Africa (forms part of a trio of large matumi trees)	38,6	2,41	17,78	286	Amorentia Estate, near Modjadjiskloof, Limpopo
7	<i>Adansonia digitata</i> (baobab) Platland Tree	Very large baobab and well-known tourist attraction with a bar inside	19	10,7	36	372	Platland/Sunland, near Modjadjiskloof, Limpopo

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8	<i>Ficus sycomorus</i> (common cluster fig) Cluster Fig Giant	The largest cluster fig in South Africa	31	3,34	35,1	336	The farm Excellence, Mica, Limpopo
9	<i>Afrocarpus falcatus</i> (Outeniqua yellowwood) King Edward VIIIth Tree	One of the well-visited Big Trees of the Knysna Forests	36,9	2,12	31,5	301	Diepwalle, Garden Route National Park, Western Cape
10	<i>Eucalyptus saligna</i> (saligna gum) The 'O'Connor tree lane	Very tall landmark tree lane –planted in the 1930s by forestry pioneer AJ O'Connor. Situated next to O'Connor's memorial	71	1,36	32,1	469	Woodbush State Forest, Magoebaskloof, Limpopo
11	<i>Eucalyptus saligna</i> (saligna gum) The tallest trees in South Africa and Africa, with the tallest four known as the Magoebaskloof Giants Measurement of tallest tree shown	Stand of saligna gum trees planted in 1906 by forestry pioneer AK Eastwood, including the tallest trees in South Africa and Africa	81,5	1,04	10,7m	293	Woodbush State Forest, Magoebaskloof, Limpopo
12	<i>Sideroxylon inerme</i> (milkwood), Grandfather of Still Bay	Largest milkwood in South Africa, estimated to be about 1000 years old	14	3,18	20	111	The farm Langebosch Still Bay, Western Cape
13	<i>Sideroxylon inerme</i> (milkwood) Mossel Bay Post Office Tree	Historic tree believed to have been the tree at which an old shoe was placed for exchange of messages by Portuguese seafarers in the 16 th century	8,5	1,1 (multiple stems)	32,9	51	Dias Museum, Mossel Bay, Western Cape
14	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i> (camphor tree) The Vergelegen trees	Historic trees planted more than three centuries ago by Governor WA van der Stel – very large trees with large landscape impact	26,3	4,01	31,4	295	Vergelegen Estate, Somerset West, Western Cape
15	<i>Eucalyptus</i> species & a variety of other tree species (Tokai Arboretum - all mature trees)	Arboretum of historic significance with trees planted there since 1885. Laid out by Joseph Storr Lister at the beginning of the forestry industry.	62	1,71	20,5	368	Table Mountain National Park, Cape Town, Western Cape

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16	<i>Platanus acerifolia</i> (London plane) Tree avenue in KwaZulu-Natal National Botanical Garden known as Marriot's Lane	Tree avenue of exceptionally old plane trees – planted in 1908 by Mr WE Marriot (curator). This lane is a central landscape feature of the botanical garden	35	1,77	28,9	250	KwaZulu-Natal Botanical Gardens, Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal
17	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (river red gum) The Irene Champion	Largest tree on an estate with a variety of trees planted since the late 19 th century by a Mr Fuchs, employed by Alois Nellmapius.	41	2,03	25,7	296	Irene Farm Estate, Centurion, Gauteng
18	<i>Eucalyptus paniculata</i> (grey ironbark), <i>E maculata</i> (spotted gum) & <i>E microrrys</i> (tallow gum), Commonwealth plantation	Arboretum or sample plot of large gum trees planted in the 1930s and protected to commemorate the Commonwealth Forestry Conference of 1935	70	1,29	19,4	350	Middelkop Plantation, Magoebaskloof, Limpopo
19	<i>Eucalyptus saligna</i> (saligna gum) Westfalia Showblock	Stand of tall trees gum trees planted in 1933 by the eminent Dr Hans Merensky	70	1,25	16,9	322	Westfalia Estate, near Modjadjiskloof, Limpopo
20	<i>Araucaria heterophylla</i> (Norfolk Island pine) Theological Seminary Tree	Tallest Norfolk Island pine planted in 1826 by wife of the last landdrost of Stellenbosch	46	1,9	21,21	292	Theological Seminary (Kweekskool), Stellenbosch, Western Cape
21	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (river red gum) Bergzicht Market Trees	Planted in 1880. Prominent trees providing shade for an entire informal market	34,5	2,32	35	311	Bergzicht Market, Stellenbosch, Western Cape
22	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak) Ryneveld Oak	Planted in 1812. One of only five oak trees remaining from the previous generation of planted oak trees	29	1,48	17,6	148	Ryneveld Street, Stellenbosch, Western Cape
23	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak) Zandvliet Oak	Big oak tree planted in the nineteenth century at a historic farmhouse of an old wine estate	22	1,54	25,08	137	Solms Delta Estate, near Franschoek, Western Cape
24	<i>Populus nigra</i> (Lombardy poplar) Ruth Fischer Tree	Historic tree serving as landmark for fugitives from the Apartheid security forces to find the safe house of Ruth Fischer, daughter of Braam Fischer (a	22	1,12	5,89	56	Lothbury Avenue, Auckland (Johannesburg), Gauteng

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25	<i>Afrocarpus falcatus</i> (Outeniqua yellowwood) Tsitsikamma Big Tree	One of the most accessible and famous Big Trees in Tsitsikamma forest. Visited by more than 95 000 tourists each year	39,3	2,77	33,6	379	Near Storms River, Garden Route National Park, Eastern Cape
26	<i>Afrocarpus falcatus</i> (Outeniqua yellowwood) Woodville Big Tree	One of the well-visited Big Trees of the Knysna Forests	34	2,8	30,55	314	Collin's Hoek, Garden Route National Park, Western Cape
27	<i>Afrocarpus falcatus</i> (Outeniqua yellowwood) Eastern Monarch	Well-visited Big Tree known as the Eastern Monarch, along the Tyume trail	39,4	2,75	29,69	355	Auckland Nature Reserve, Hogsback, Eastern Cape
28	<i>Afrocarpus falcatus</i> (Outeniqua yellowwood) The Dalene Matthee Big Tree	Landmark tree towering above the forest, and the site of a memorial to writer Dalene Matthee	35,4	1,72	28,35	247	Goudveld, Garden Route National Park, Western Cape
29	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak) The Slave Tree TREE WAS DAMAGED	Very large oak tree planted in 1811 – one of the biggest oak trees in the southern hemisphere	24	1,81	27,4	169	York Street, George, Western Cape
30	<i>Cedrus deodara</i> (deodar) etc. Historic President Brand trees ALMOST ALL TREES DIED	Historic collection of trees of different species planted by visiting dignitaries since 1879 in front of the old Government Buildings in President Brand Street, Bloemfontein.	22	0,8	16,9	81	Old Government Buildings, Bloemfontein, Orange Free State
31	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak) The Sophiatown Oak, also called The Hanging Tree TREE DIED	The first individual tree proclaimed as protected under the National Forests Act. Was mutilated and died, but the site could be considered of historic significance. The tree was part of the history of Sophiatown and the struggle against the forced removal of the community in the 1950s	18	1,42	36	128	Bertha Street, Sophiatown, Johannesburg, Gauteng

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32	<i>Eucalyptus ficifolia</i> (red flowering gum) Ida's Valley Giant	Very large and attractive tree, estimated to be more than two centuries old. A landmark on an old historic farm	22,1	2,31 (multiple stems)	25,3	169	Ida's Valley Homestead, near Stellenbosch, Western Cape
33	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak) The Northcliff Oak	The largest and oldest measured oak tree in Gauteng	22	1,89	29,4	164	Northcliff, Johannesburg, Gauteng
34	<i>Ficus macrophylla</i> (Moreton Bay fig) Arderne Fig Tree	Landmark tree planted by tree pioneers Ralph and Henry Arderne	27,4	3,56	45,1	347	Arderne Garden, Claremont, Cape Town, Western Cape
35	<i>Auracaria heterophylla</i> (Norfolk Island pine) The Arderne Pine	Landmark tree planted by tree pioneers Ralph and Henry Arderne	42,6	1,83	19,09	252	Arderne Garden, Claremont, Cape Town, Western Cape
36	<i>Quercus suber</i> (cork oak) Arderne Cork Oak	Landmark tree planted by tree pioneers Ralph and Henry Arderne	15,5	1,4	30,37	101	Arderne Garden, Claremont, Cape Town, Western Cape
37	<i>Quercus cerris</i> (Turkey oak) Arderne Turkey Oak	Landmark tree planted by tree pioneers Ralph and Henry Arderne	21,56	1,87	29,22	159	Arderne Garden, Claremont, Cape Town, Western Cape
38	<i>Pinus halepensis</i> (Aleppo pine) Arderne Aleppo Pine	Landmark tree planted by tree pioneers Ralph and Henry Arderne	32,9	1,74	30,95	241	Arderne Garden, Claremont, Cape Town, Western Cape
39	<i>Agathis robusta</i> (Queensland kauri) Arderne Kauri	Landmark tree planted by tree pioneers Ralph and Henry Arderne	27,7	1,57	26,45	179	Arderne Garden, Claremont, Cape Town, Western Cape
40	<i>Eucalyptus diversicolor</i> (karri gum) Brackenhill Gum Trees	Very tall landmark stand of karri gum in the country, planted in 1922	70	1,46	25,77	429	Harkerville, near Knysna on the Garden Route, Western Cape
41	<i>Casuarina cunninghamia</i> (beefwood) Scanlen's Lane	Lane of large casuarinas planted in the 1860s by Charles Scanlen	27	1,68	23,12	168	Cradock, Eastern Cape
42	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak) The Vergelegen Oak	Oak tree planted three centuries ago – largest and oldest oak tree in the country	14	3,4	22,1	121	Vergelegen Estate, Somerset West, Western Cape
43	<i>Eucalyptus regnans</i> (mountain ash) The Benvie Trees	A trio of large trees situated on the scenic Benvie Arboretum, established by Scottish emigrant John Geekie more than a century ago	61	2,18	27,85	475	Benvie Arboretum, near New Hanover, KwaZulu-Natal

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44	<i>Pinus radiata</i> (Monterey pine) The Eastern Cape Pine	Tallest pine tree in the Eastern Cape, planted in the late 1880s	51	1,5	15,5	246	Isidenge State Forest, near Stutterheim, Eastern Cape
45	<i>Eucalyptus citriodora</i> (lemon-scented gum) Paul Roos Trees	Scenic group of big trees on school grounds	39	0.76	22,1	160	Paul Roos Gymnasium, Stellenbosch, Western Cape
46	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak) Bonniemile Oak	Large oak tree on a farmyard next to the original wagon route linking Stellenbosch with Cape Town, planted by coachmen of governor Simon van der Stel	24	1,64	33,5	178	The farm Bonniemile near Stellenbosch, Western Cape
47	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (river red gum) The Ruth Steer Tree	Prominent landmark tree in Stellenbosch, planted around 1880	33	2,5	33,15	301	Jonkershoek Avenue, Stellenbosch, Western Cape
48	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (river red gum) Wits Campus Tree	Huge gum tree planted more than 80 years ago along a major road between Johannesburg and Rustenburg	34	2,37	37,55	321	University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, Gauteng
49	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> (tulip tree) The Baynesfield Tulip Tree	Tree planted by Joseph Baynes in 1882 on the historic Baynesfield Estate	34	2,04	26,02	248	Baynesfield Estate, near Richmond, KwaZulu-Natal
50	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i> (Californian redwood) The Grootvadersbos Redwood Grove	Stand of tall redwoods planted at Grootvadersbosch more than 80 years ago	58	1,38	12,2	238	Grootvadersbosch Nature Reserve, near Swellendam, Western Cape
51	<i>Eucalyptus saligna</i> (saligna gum) Herbert Baker Chapel Trees	Group of scenic trees standing next to a chapel designed by Sir Herbert Baker	45	1,89	27,25	322	Orpen Road, Cape Town, Western Cape
52	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i> (Californian redwood) The Table Mountain Grove	Redwood trees planted in 1887 forming a landmark and recreation area for local residents, including tall Monterey pines at the fringe of this grove	51	1,09	15,1	207	Tokai Plantation, Table Mountain National Park, Western Cape

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53	<i>Acacia galpinii</i> (Monkey thorn) The Marico Tree	Tallest thorn tree measured in South Africa to date	37	1,81	31	277	The farm Veeplaas near Skuinsdrift, North West
54	<i>Ficus burkei</i> (Common wild fig) Umtentweni Giant	Largest Common wild fig in South Africa	28	3,31	31,9	288	Eden Park, Umtentweni, KwaZulu-Natal
55	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (river red gum) The Infruitec Gum Tree	Very large landmark tree planted about 130 years ago	38,2	3,08	37,05	409	Infruitec, Helshoogte Pass, Stellenbosch, Western Cape
56	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (river red gum) Wilgenhof Grandfather	Large tree planted about 130 years ago, and now a landmark	30,8	2,7	28,25	269	Victoria Street, Stellenbosch, Western Cape
57	<i>Adansonia digitata</i> (Baobab) The King of Ga-Ratjeke	Third largest indigenous tree in South Africa	23,5	8,21 (multiple stems)	32,6	383	Ga-Ratjeke village, near Modjadjiskloof, Limpopo
58	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak) Akkerdraai Oak Tree	Large landmark oak tree, possibly older than 175 years	28	1,94	26	198	Annandale Road, Stellenbosch, Western Cape
59	<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i> (rose gum) Gum Tree Corner	Group of exceptionally large gum trees	59,1	1,33	16,89	279	KwaZulu-Natal Botanical Garden, Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal
60	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i> (Californian redwood) Misty Grove	A stand of tall sequoia trees planted about 80 years ago	59	1,08	18	260	Woodbush State Forest, Magoebaskloof, Limpopo
61	<i>Eucalyptus saligna</i> (saligna gum) Saasveld Sentinels	Large eucalypt landmark trees at the scenic Saasveld campus	39	1,46	34,2	276	Saasveld Campus, George, Western Cape
62	<i>Populus deltoides</i> (cottonwood tree) The Parktown Tree	The largest cottonwood tree measured locally, and a remnant of the semi-rural surroundings of Johannesburg which are now built up	35	1,66	28,07	238	Parktown North, Johannesburg, Gauteng
63	<i>Pinus pseudostrabus</i> (false Weymouth pine) The Three Matrons	The largest pine trees in Limpopo Province, planted in 1914	49,2	1,56	24,35	304	Woodbush State Forest, Magoebaskloof, Limpopo
64	<i>Ficus macrophylla</i> (Moreton Bay fig) The Zoo Giant	Large landmark tree near the entrance of the Pretoria National Zoological Gardens	27	3,8	41,4	339	National Zoological Garden, Pretoria, Gauteng

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65	<i>Pinus taeda</i> (loblolly pine) The Buffelsnek Pine	Tallest pine tree measured in South Africa	60,1	1,2	18	279	Buffelsnek State Forest, Knysna, Western Cape
66	<i>Ficus sycomorus</i> (sycamore fig) The Ilembe Tree	Very large tree in a rural landscape, known as a local landmark since a century ago	23	5,37 (multiple stems)	35,7	318	Ilembe, near Kranskop, KwaZulu-Natal
67	<i>Cussonia spicata</i> (Lowveld cabbage tree) The Kurisa Forest Giant	An imposing giant forest tree	35	3.71	22	316	Kurisa Moya, Magoebaskloof, Limpopo
68	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (river red gum) The Waterkloof Giant	Largest landmark tree of the eastern Pretoria suburbs. Remnant of a century-old tree plantation destroyed by suburban development	34	2,15	34,27	292	Waterkloof Primary School, Pretoria, Gauteng
69	<i>Adansonia digitata</i> (baobab) Buffelsdrift baobab / Swartwater baobab	One of the five largest baobabs in the country	22	7,71	30,2	336	The farm Buffelsdrift, near Lephalale, Limpopo
70	<i>Afrocarpus falcatus</i> (Outeniqua yellowwood) The Blouberg Big Trees	Among the tallest indigenous forest trees in the country	41	1,65	31	293	Blouberg, near Polokwane, Limpopo
71	<i>Ficus macrophylla</i> (Moreton bay fig) The Kindergarten Giant	Large landmark tree at the University of Cape Town campus	25	5,09	41	361	University of Cape Town Cape Town Western Cape
72	<i>Ficus thoningii</i> (Common wild fig) The Vygekraal Trees	A scenic grove of large trees growing on the walls of a cattle kraal built in the late nineteenth century	23	1,6	28,6	155	The farm Vygekraal near Pretoria, Gauteng
73	<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i> (rose gum) The Satico Giants	Stand of second tallest trees in the country, planted in 1938	72,3	1,05	16,5	301	Satico Plantation, near Louw's Creek, Mpumalanga
74	<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> (blue gum) The Radyn Tree	Exceptionally large gum tree	40,2	1,14	27,5	225	The farm Radyn near Villiersdorp, Western Cape
75	<i>Ficus macrophylla</i> (Moreton Bay fig) The Fernwood Trees	Landmark trees of the same vintage as the Arderne Garden trees (about 160 years old)	27,5	3,02	45,5	322	Fernwood Avenue, Newlands, Cape Town, Western Cape

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76	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i> (camphor tree) The Hohenhort Grove	Grove of camphor trees of about 250 years old growing behind cellars on a historic farmyard	24	2,1	18,9	151	Cellar Hohenort Hotel, Brommesvlei road, Constantia, Cape Town Western Cape
77	<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> (blue red gum) The Welbedacht Tree	Landmark tree on private nature reserve	37,5	2,6	29,8	330	Welbedacht Reserve, Tulbagh Western Cape
78	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i> (Californian redwood) Hogsback Redwood Giant	Grove of large redwood trees planted almost a century ago	55	2,4	13,2	309	Hogsback, Eastern Cape
79	<i>Quercus suber</i> (cork oak) Ina Paarman Oak	Tree on the property of Mrs Ina Paarman of food condiments fame, planted in the mid nineteenth century	22,7	1,4	32,6	157	Constantia Main Road, Constantia Western Cape
80	<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> (blue gum) Houwhoek Inn Tree	Large tree planted in the mid nineteenth century at the oldest hotel in the country	27	3,2	26,8	250	Off the N2 road, Grabouw, Western Cape
81	<i>Eucalyptus saligna</i> (saligna gum) Merensky Lane	Scenic lane of trees planted by the eminent Dr Hans Merensky on the Westfalia Estate in the 1930s	69	1,6	21,5	404	Westfalia Estate, Modjadjiskloof, Limpopo
82	<i>Eucalyptus diversicolor</i> (Karri) Boschendal Lane	Lane of exceptionally large trees planted more than two centuries ago	50,4	2,7	33,6	483	Boschendal Estate, Helshoogte Road, Western Cape