

# PRIMARILY for U.S.\*

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Choose the  
biggest living  
thing in  
the picture.



Turn the page to see if you are correct.

If you picked the TREE,

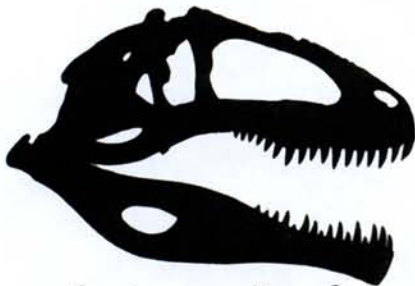
Trees can grow larger  
than any  
whale,



elephant



or  
dinosaur



that ever lived.



you are right!

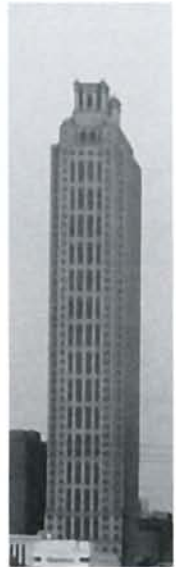
A mountain,



a space shuttle



and a  
skyscraper



can be bigger,  
but they  
are not  
living things.

"Big Tree Hunters" have a fun hobby. They try to find the biggest trees in the United States. The largest tree in Georgia is a Live Oak. This tree is 76 feet tall and the trunk is 33 feet around. The Live Oak is the State Tree of Georgia.





The largest tree in the United States is a Giant Sequoia (seh-kwoy-a) in California. This awesome tree is 275 feet tall. The trunk is 84 feet around.

Think of it this way.  
It is as tall as a  
30-story building.  
Three buses could park  
around the trunk.

Plus, the tree is  
still growing!





All trees need to be healthy to grow well. Many people went to visit one of the tallest trees and squashed the roots. The top of the tree fell off. Now it is not the tallest tree!

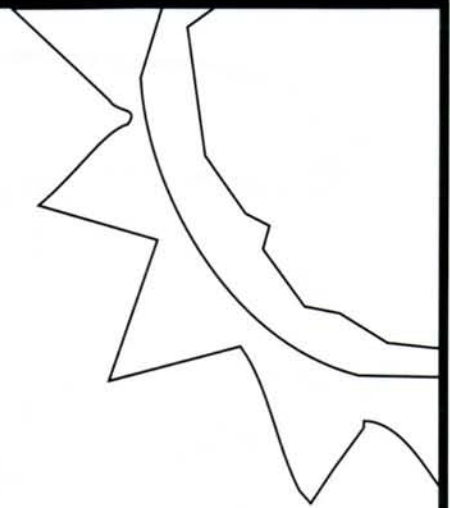
Another tree became weak after people cut a hole in it for a car to drive through. A big wind knocked the tree down and it died.

Do your part to keep trees healthy.  
Do not carve on them.  
This can kill a tree.





You can be a Big Tree Hunter, too!  
Find the tallest tree in your neighborhood.  
How many houses can you stack up next  
to it? Wrap a string around the trunk  
one time. How long is the string?




This page is for you to color.

# NATIONAL CHAMPION TREES

A National Champion Tree is the largest tree of its kind found in the United States. Even kinds of trees that never get very big still have a National Champion.

These are some of their names.  
Can you find them?



Buckeye	Hackberry	Hickory							
Jujube	Laurel	Magnolia							
Maple	Oak	Pine							
V	R	D	E	Y	O	A	K	T	B
P	I	N	E	R	T	Q	J	L	U
J	S	K	E	R	N	L	V	R	C
U	F	Q	T	E	K	A	M	E	K
J	Z	X	E	B	D	U	W	D	E
U	H	I	C	K	O	R	Y	C	Y
B	D	Q	B	C	N	E	G	B	E
E	E	Y	M	A	P	L	E	L	L
T	F	W	O	H	X	E	E	U	H
M	A	G	N	O	L	I	A	S	K

The entire Georgia list is: Eastern Baccharis, Painted Buckeye, Elliottia, Georgia Hackberry, Littlehip Hawthorn, Pignut Hickory, Jujube, Bigleaf Magnolia, Chalk Maple, Florida Maple, Mountain Laurel, Persimmon, Longleaf Pine, Pitch Pine, Spruce Pine, Pond Cypress, Eastern Redcedar (one word), Blackjack Oak, Darlington Oak, Durand Oak, Georgia Oak, Oglethorpe Oak, Post Oak and Southern Oak.

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