



Texas's state tree is the Pecan.

Texas State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation members in Texas
38,769



TREE CITY USA® Program in Texas:

Tree City USA Communities: **65**
Total population served: **9,030,055**

Largest Tree City USA in Texas:
Houston, population 2,014,000

Smallest Tree City USA in Texas:
Sunset Valley, population 420

Arbor Day Poster Contest
Participants in Texas:
10,000 Fifth grade classrooms
250,000 Fifth grade students

Arbor Day Award Winners
from Texas: **32**

**Arbor Day in Texas is celebrated
on the last Friday in April**



Texas

Trees for Success Program Set To Plant Trees in Houston & Austin

During the last four years, more than 4,000 trees have been planted across the country at schools and local parks because of the Trees for Success program. Trees for Success is a national program, sponsored by The Home Depot



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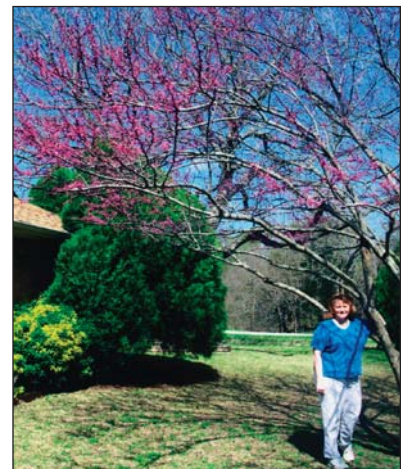
Foundation, that demonstrates the many educational and environmental benefits trees provide to improve the health of our communities. Schoolchildren in 13 cities across the country will have an opportunity to add new trees to their school grounds or neighborhoods where they live and play.

The Arbor Day Foundation will collaborate with local Houston and Austin-based nonprofit tree-planting organizations to plant up to 100 large trees on school grounds in both areas during the Trees for Success national campaign. These celebrations are an outstanding example of the Arbor Day Foundation working with local nonprofit groups and important corporate partners to advance community forestry across the nation. Visit arborday.org for more information on the "Trees for Success" national campaign.

Texas Members Plant 313,508 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 38,769 Texas members have helped plant more than 313,508 trees across the state.

Barbara Moore, a loyal member from Red Oak, Texas has been planting Foundation membership trees since 1988. Barbara recently shared with us the photo at right and her favorite tree story. "At the end of the year, I had three happy, healthy trees, a Redbud, a Red Oak, and a Red Maple. What a coincidence! I have red hair, I live in Red Oak, Texas and the three trees that thrived had red in their names." We are happy to report that the Redbud and the Red Oak are still thriving today.



Twenty years after planting the seedling, Barbara's Redbud tree is thriving.

Thousands of Texas Students Take Part in Arbor Day Poster Contest

Each year, the Arbor Day Foundation coordinates the Arbor Day National Poster Contest, sponsored by Toyota, for fifth graders in classrooms across the country. Now in its seventeenth year, the contest touches millions of children with its message about the importance of trees and wise environmental stewardship.

During the 2008 contest more than 250,000 Texas fifth-grade students had the opportunity to learn the importance of tree diversity in a community forest. Michael E. was named the state contest winner. His winning poster depicted a rain forest scene illustrating the contest's 2008 theme, "Trees Are Terrific ...Inside and Out!"



(Left) 2007
Texas State Winner

(Below) 2008
Texas State Winner



Texas Tree City USAs Support Community Forestry

The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA® program encourages, supports and strengthens effective urban and community forestry programs in diverse communities nationwide through recognition, education, and publicity. From the humble beginning of the program 33 years ago, it has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country, with nearly 3,300 designated Tree City USAs across America.

Tree City USA is thriving in Texas because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Texas Forest Service. Texas boasts 65 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Texas's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$49,993,191 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 9 million Texas residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Texas's urban and community foresters, city officials, and citizens to planting and caring for trees in their cities and towns helps increase energy savings, clean the air and water and beautify the entire state.



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