



Gallia SWCD Big Tree Contest

Tree Information: **Sycamore species**

Sycamore can grow 80 feet or taller and spread 60 feet wide. They are usually found along a creeks or rivers.



Fruit

Leaves

Bark

Fall Foliage

Description: Sycamore or American Planetree is easily identified by its height, spreading canopy with massive branches, and its white bark in winter. Distantly related to the Sweetgum family. It prefers deep, moist, rich soils of variable pH that are either well-drained or moderately drained and full to partial sun. Sycamore is prone to the annual infection of Anthracnose (a fungus that destroys new growth in spring). This causes dieback of emergent leaves and stems and makes the tree prone to storm damage with the hollow trunks.

Leaves: The leaves are fuzzy in spring, 3-5 lobes that vary in size.

Fruit: one fruit hangs on a stalk with fuzzy seeds.

Bark:gray-brown in mid-summer revealing a smooth, white interior bark that then becomes the exterior bark.

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Contest Criteria:

- 1) The 2019 Contest is open for **Sycamore**. When in doubt call us at 446-6173 ext. 3.
- 2) The Tree nominated must be located in Gallia County.
- 3) A tree may be nominated only once. The first nomination received will be entered in the contest.
- 4) The tree does not have to be on the property of the nominator.
- 5) **Official nomination form must be submitted to the Gallia SWCD, 111 Jackson Pike, Suite 1569, Gallipolis, OH, 45631.**
- 6) Deadline for the nomination is **Friday, September 27, 2019.**
- 7) The Gallia Big Tree award will be given at the Annual Meeting/Banquet of the Gallia Soil and Water Conservation District, held on October 29, 2019 at the First Church of Nazarene in Gallipolis.
- 8) The landowner will be presented a plaque; nominator will be presented with a Tree Identification book.
- 9) Tree will be measured by District personnel and the decision of the judges will be final.

Location of Tree: _____

Landowner: _____

Person Nominating Tree: _____

Phone Number/Address of Person Nominating: _____