



# TEXAS TREE HUNT

The Texas A&M Forest Service has initiated a tree photo capture season. All employees are eligible to participate and photos collected will support the development of a new Tree Identification mobile application. Compete with colleagues for Photo of the Month, Best Texas Photo, Rare Photo of the Month and more! So while you are out, don't forget your camera. Your photos could appear in the app and possibly in a Tree ID book sometime in the future. Check out the following guidelines and find out how you can help us catch 'em all!



## PHOTO GUIDELINES

- High resolution
- Absence of shadow in close ups
- Portrait orientation for all except Texas context
- Photos should be from full-grown but not aged trees (early mature)
- Not all photo parts for each species need to be from the same tree



## NAMING CONVENTION

- All photos must be named as follows or they won't be accepted  
  
Scientific Name\_tree part\_photographer  
Example: *Acerrubrum\_bark\_riley*
- Pick your best: only submit one photo for each tree part



## PHOTOS NEEDED FOR EACH SPECIES

1. Leaves
  - a. Clearly show leaf arrangement, shape, base and margin and other distinguishing characteristics (such as significant color differential on underside)
  - b. Absence of shadow over leaves
  - c. Can be on tree if above can be accomplished or can be removed and photographed on neutral background
2. Fruit
3. Flower
4. Bark
  - a. Photo should show characteristics of bark on an early mature tree
  - b. Can include young trees, if the bark is very unique at that stage
5. Whole tree
  - a. Choose a mature tree that has the characteristic shape of that species
  - b. Optimal lighting and space around tree for whole tree photos to clearly identify which tree is the subject
6. Texas context
  - a. Examples: wagon wheel or windmill nearby, cows loafing in the shade
  - b. Not necessary for every species, only if possible



## RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

- The Season:
- runs through August 31, 2019, 12 a.m. CST.
  - is open to all Texas A&M Forest Service employees

Photographs must:

- comply with posted Project requirements
- be captured during the course of regular business causing no additional cost or time to the agency



Email your photo submissions to [treehunt@tfs.tamu.edu](mailto:treehunt@tfs.tamu.edu)