

South Africa celebrates Arbor Week from 1-7 September annually. The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), as the custodian of forestry in South Africa, is responsible for the campaign. The aim of Arbor Week is to promote and create a better life for all.



### Trees of the Year 2000- 2020

To help increase public awareness of just a few of the 2,000 indigenous tree species in South Africa, every Arbor Week celebration will highlight two specific trees; one common and one rare species. In the list below the more common tree is named first.

Year	Common Tree	Rare ( Uncommon) Trees
2000	<a href="#"><u><i>Peltophorum africanum</i></u></a> African wattle, Huilboom	<a href="#"><u><i>Salix mucronata</i></u></a> Safsaf willow, Kaapse wilger
2001	<a href="#"><u><i>Loxostylis alata</i></u></a> Tarwood, Teerhout	<a href="#"><u><i>Ptaeroxylon obliquum</i></u></a> Sneezewood, Nieshout
2002	<a href="#"><u><i>Pittosporum viridiflorum</i></u></a> Cheesewood, Kasuur	<a href="#"><u><i>Alberta magna</i></u></a> Natal flame bush, Breekhout
2003	<a href="#"><u><i>Rhus chirendensis</i></u></a> Red currant, Bostaaibos	<a href="#"><u><i>Pterocarpus angolensis</i></u></a> Wild teak, Kiaat
2004	<a href="#"><u><i>Kirkia acuminata</i></u></a> and <a href="#"><u><i>K. wilmsii</i></u></a> White seringa, Mountain seringa, Witsering, Bergseringa	<a href="#"><u><i>Combretum bracteosum</i></u></a> Hiccup nut, Hikklimop
2005	<a href="#"><u><i>Schefflera umbellifera</i></u></a> False cabbage tree, Basterkiepersol	<a href="#"><u><i>Adansonia digitata</i></u></a> Baobab, Kremetart
2006	<a href="#"><u><i>Burchellia bubalina</i></u></a> Wild pomegranate,	<a href="#"><u><i>Raphia australis</i></u></a> Kosi palm, Kosipalm

	Wildegranaat	
2007	<a href="#"><i>Rhus pyroides</i></a> Common wild currant, Gewone Taaibos	<a href="#"><i>Pavetta schumanniana</i></a> Poison Bride's Bush Gifbruidbos
2008	<a href="#"><i>Harpephyllum caffrum</i></a> Wild plum, Wildepruim	<a href="#"><i>Diospyros whyteana</i></a> Bladder -nut, Swartbas <a href="#"><i>Markhamia zanzibarica</i></a> Bell bean tree, Klokkies-boontjieboom
2009	<a href="#"><i>Acacia galpinii</i></a> Money thorn, Apiesdoring	<a href="#"><i>Halleria lucida</i></a> Tree fuchsia, Notsung <a href="#"><i>Pterocarpus rotundifolius</i></a> Round-leaved Teak, Dopperkiaat
2010	<a href="#"><i>Acacia xanthophloea</i></a> Fever tree, Koorsboom	<a href="#"><i>Rothmania capensis</i></a> Cape gardenia, Kaapse Katjiepiering <a href="#"><i>Rothmannia globosa</i></a> Bell gardenia, Klokkies-Katjiepiering <a href="#"><i>Cladostemon kirkii</i></a> Tonga-kerrie, Tongakerrie
2011	<a href="#"><i>Pappea capensis</i></a> Jacket-plum, Doppruim	<a href="#"><i>Genus Pavetta</i></a> Bride's Bushes, Bruidsbome <i>Nuxia congesta</i> Common Wild Elder, Gewone wildevlier
2012	<a href="#"><i>Syzygium cordatum</i></a> Water berry, Waterbessie	<i>Protorhus longifolia</i> Red Beech, Rooiboekenhout <a href="#"><i>Bruguiera gymnorhiza</i></a> Black Mangrove, Swartwortelboom
2013	<a href="#"><i>Virgilia oroboides</i></a> Blossom tree, Keurboom	<a href="#"><i>Grewia occidentalis</i></a> Cross-berry, Kruisbessie <a href="#"><i>Barringtonia racemosa</i></a> Powder-puff Tree, Poeierkwas-boom
2014	<b>Genus <i>Heteropyxis</i></b> Lavender trees, Laventelbome	<a href="#"><i>Vepris lanceolata</i></a> White ironwood, Witysterhout
2015	<a href="#"><i>Combretum krausii</i></a> Forest bushwilow, Bosvaderlandswilg	<a href="#"><i>Heteromorpha arborescens</i></a> Parsley tree, Wildepieterseliebos
2016	<i>Ficus thonningii</i> Common wild fig, Gewone wildevy	<a href="#"><i>Maerua cafra</i></a> Common bush-cherry, Gewone witbos <i>Maerua angolensis</i> Bead-bean tree, Knoppiesboontjieboom
2017	<a href="#"><i>Ziziphus mucronata</i></a> Hairy	<i>Euclea pseudebenus</i> Ebony tree, Ebbeboom

	buffalo-thorn, Harige blinkblaar wag-n-bietjie	
2018	<b>Genus <i>Podocarpus</i></b> Yellowwoods, Geelhoutbome <a href="#"><i>P. elongatus</i></a> , <a href="#"><i>P. falcatus</i></a> , <a href="#"><i>P. henkelii</i></a> , <a href="#"><i>P. latifolius</i></a>	<a href="#"><i>Boscia albitrunca</i></a> Shepherd's tree, Witgat
2019	<a href="#"><i>Sclerocarya birrea</i></a> Marula Maroela	<b><i>Philenoptera violacea</i></b> Apple-leaf, Appelblaar
2020	<a href="#"><i>Ekebergia capensis</i></a> Cape ash, Essenhout	<a href="#"><i>Adansonia digitata</i></a> Baobab, Kremetart