

**47th Annual National Collegiate Landscape Competition  
March 15 - 18, 2023  
Mississippi State University**

**WOODY ORNAMENTAL PLANT IDENTIFICATION**

**Description:** The student (maximum of two individuals per school) will be required to identify plants by botanical name (genus and species) and common name. There will be 50 specimens of woody ornamental plants. These plants will be live samples and will be selected from the master list of plants posted to the NCLC website prior to the event.

**Time:** 1 hour and 50 minutes (55 minutes per participant; participants are split into two groups).

**JUDGING CRITERIA**

**Points:** 100 possible points per individual. Individual scores are combined toward the team score for a total of 200 possible points.

Each plant will be worth a maximum of two points:

- .5 point for genus
- .5 point for species (and cultivar, if applicable)
- .5 point for common name
- .5 point for correct spelling

Latin names do not need to be underlined. Clear handwriting is important: if we cannot read it, it is wrong. Where multiple common names are possible, only one is necessary to receive the .5 credit. Incorrect answers do not receive points. However, incorrect answers do not incur a penalty. It is in students' best interest to write down an answer even if they are not sure it is correct.

Time will only be used as a tiebreaker.

**Students are required to bring the following materials to the event:** Two sharpened pencils with erasers and a clipboard. No scratch paper will be allowed into the event.

**Sponsor is required to supply the following materials for the event:**

- Live specimens (selected from the master list provided by NALP)
- 130 answer sheets with cover page
- Stopwatches
- Laminated numbers for each specimen
- Sufficient number of judges and event monitors
- Final solution ready for scoring the students' solutions
- Any other items deemed necessary for this event