

# Hey Kids! Welcome to the Great Tree Hunt!

All of the trees are located in the **People for Trees Commemorative Tree Walk Arboretum**, located in the area between Hwy. 41 and the Access Rd. (Tamiami Trail), just south of North Port Blvd. (Near San Pedro Church and continuing to Louie's Bicycles). We installed this walk in 2003 to showcase Florida-friendly landscaping and our beautiful native trees!

1. **Complete the missing information for each tree on this sheet by reading the Arbor Signs at the trees in the Tree Walk.** Get your answer sheet to us and we'll check your answers, then we'll let you know how you can claim your prize!
  - Take a picture of your completed Tree Hunt answer sheet and text to: (941) 468-2486.
  - OR email to [treelady12001@yahoo.com](mailto:treelady12001@yahoo.com)
  - OR Snail Mail or drop off at: 3597 Froude St. North Port 34286 (use the old mailbox standing up by the front door). Be sure to include YOUR contact information so we can contact you to claim your prize!
1. **The East Palatka Holly** was discovered in \_\_\_\_\_ growing near the town of East Palatka, Florida. It is an \_\_\_\_\_ tree, with the female tree producing many berries for the birds.
2. **The Sweet Gum** tree produces a \_\_\_\_\_ canopy. It is known as a "survivor" tree because it does well in many different environments, from the Midwest to the South. It has a \_\_\_\_\_ sap that is similar to a maple tree, which gives it its name. Its trunk will smell sweet – scratch the bark a bit and give it a sniff!
3. **The Winged Elm** gets its name from the \_\_\_\_\_ growths that flare out along the trunk. Many different species of \_\_\_\_\_ will nest in a winged elm tree.
4. **The Slash Pine** is the main canopy tree of all of Florida. It has a \_\_\_\_\_ root that goes straight into the ground and keeps it anchored, even during the high winds of hurricanes. The pine tree produces more \_\_\_\_\_ than any other tree in the south and is home to over \_\_\_\_\_ different species of birds, including being the only tree tall enough and able to support an \_\_\_\_\_ nest!
5. **The Mahogany** tree is valued for its beautiful, strong wood which is what makes it very resistant to high winds. The mahogany tree is \_\_\_\_\_ which means it loses its leaves in the fall, but grows new leaves very quickly.
6. **The Bald Cypress** has soft needles that turn a vibrant \_\_\_\_\_ in the fall before they drop. Cypress trees can have "\_\_\_\_\_ feet" (roots) which is why they are often planted in areas that hold water. Trees help with flood control. A mature tree can absorb up to \_\_\_\_\_ gallons of water a day!
7. **The Sycamore tree** is a symbol of strength, protection, and divinity. It is one of the largest \_\_\_\_\_ trees in North America, growing to heights of \_\_\_\_\_ feet or more! It is deciduous, losing its leaves in the fall. Did you know that one mature tree can provide enough oxygen for \_\_\_\_\_ people every year?!
8. **The Pignut Hickory** tree is called this because when the large nut it produces is cut in half, it resembles a \_\_\_\_\_!  
Outside temperatures around trees can be up to \_\_\_\_\_ degrees cooler because of the \_\_\_\_\_ process. This is when evaporation \_\_\_\_\_ water from the roots through the trunk to the leaves where it will vaporize into the air and cool the temperature!

