

*“Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world.” - John Muir*

The Gifted Tree welcomes you to the virtual world of finding your tree planting location. As you know, someone has planted a gift tree in honor of you or someone you love. Your tree has been or will be planted in the Appalachian Forest of the Eastern United States. Appalachia is one of America's most beautiful and renowned regions. Stretching from the state of New York, all the way down to Alabama and Georgia, Appalachia is not only home to the namesake Appalachian Trail, but also the Ozarks and Blue Ridge Mountains. More than 150 tree species can be found in the region, making it one of the most diverse ecological regions in North America. Unfortunately, the resource wealth of the region also means much of the forest has been degraded by mining and timber operations. Over the years, an estimated 83% of habitat has been lost.

Our project is a 5-year, multi-state effort, looking to restore forests across all 12 Appalachian states. This project will return formerly unproductive mining, logging, and agricultural land to balance. Planting trees here will also benefit nearby communities as hydrological function will be improved, thus providing them with better quality water. This project also creates meaningful jobs in communities suffering from high rates of poverty and unemployment. Our planting partners are also implementing conservation practices to ensure the forests are maintained sustainably for many more years to come.

Your gift tree will be of a tree indigenous to the area of the planting project. Species include various types of oak, yellow poplar, American chestnut and hazelnut, silky dogwood, and persimmon. The diversity of tree plantings allows better resistance to fire propagation or climatic hazards as well as a greater chance of survival in the event of parasite attacks.

Below is a map of the eastern United States with the outline of the regions of the Appalachian Forest where our planting projects take place.



Please understand that reforestation projects conducted by The Gifted Tree take place in all the regions of the Forest and your tree is planted among thousands of other gift trees and there is no plaque designating your gift tree. Our planting partners select and plant trees native to the specific area and the species type will vary depending on what is best for that location as described above.

Enjoy your gifted tree and know that it is making a monumental difference for the earth and opening a new doorway to the world for future generations. If you have any questions, please view our contact information at: [www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/](http://www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/). If you would like to plant a tree for someone else, please visit our website at [www.TheGiftedTree.com](http://www.TheGiftedTree.com).

