Genus and Species

**Araucaria araucana**
(Monkey puzzle or Chilean pine tree)

**Native to:** central and southern Chile and western Argentina.

The Araucariaceae are a very ancient family of coniferous trees. The group achieved maximum diversity and almost worldwide distribution in the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. At the end of the Cretaceous, when the non-avian dinosaurs became extinct, so did most of the Araucariaceae in the Northern Hemisphere. This evergreen is dioecious (male and female cones found on separate trees) and grows to 30-40 meters (98 feet to 131 feet).

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**Morus spp.**
(Mulberry tree)

**Native to:** China; naturalized throughout Eastern U.S., Eastern and Central North America

Mulberry trees have abundant fruit is eaten by people, birds, and small mammals. The bark of the tree has vermifuge properties that kills parasitic worms. New trees can be successfully propagated (from mature trees) via air layering (see: www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUeA4NjxngU, Note: The root hormone powder used in the video is Miracle Gro, 1.25 oz., Fast Root Rooting Hormone available at Walmart). Note: spp (lower case) is an abbreviation that refers to more than one species.