Estimated Biogenic VOC Emission Rates for Common U.S. Trees and Shrubs

Genus ^a	Common name	Isoprene		Monoterpenes	
		Emission rate	Reliability ^b	Emission rate	Reliability ^b
Eucalyptus	Eucalyptus	70.0	Genus	3.0	Genus
Liquidambar	Sweetgum	70.0	Genus	3.0	Genus
Nyssa	Black gum	70.0	Genus	0.6	Genus
Quercus	Oak	70.0	Genus	0.2	Genus
Robinia	Black locust	70.0	Genus	0.2	Genus
Casuarina	Beefwood	70.0	Genus	0.1	Genus
Platanus	Sycamore	70.0	Genus	0.1	Genus
Populus	Poplar	70.0	Genus	0.1	Genus
Salix	Willow	70.0	Genus	0.1	Genus
Cupaniopsis	Carrotwood	44.9	Genus	0.0	Genus
Koelreuteria	Goldenrain tree	44.9	Family	0.0	Family
Cercidiphyllum	Katsura tree	39.4	Order	1.6	Order
Rhamnus	Buckthorn	36.9	Genus	0.0	Genus
Serenoa	Saw palmetto	35.0	Genus	0.1	Genus
Myrtus	Myrtle	30.0	Genus	0.0	Genus
Ficus	Fig	22.9	Genus	0.2	Family
Berberis	Barberry	22.2	Family	0.0	Family
Mahonia	Mahonia	22.2	Family	0.0	Family
Nandina	Heavenly bamboo	22.2	Genus	0.0	Genus
Melaleuca	Melaleuca lilac	22.1	Family	0.0	Family
Syzygium	Jambolan plum	22.1	Family	0.0	Family
Hamamelis	Witch-hazel	17.7	Genus	3.0	Family
Eucommia	Hardy rubbertree	19.7	Superorder	0.8	Superorder
Picea	Spruce	14.0	Genus	3.0	Genus
Callistemon	Bottlebrush	14.1	Genus	0.0	Genus
Sabal	Cabbage palmetto	14.0	Genus	0.1	Genus
Phoenix	Date palm	13.9	Genus	0.0	Genus
Maclura	Osage-orange	11.5	Family	0.2	Family
Eugenia	Eugenia	10.2	Genus	0.0	Genus
Pistacia	Pistache	0.0	Genus	7.9	Genus
Cotinus	Smoketree	0.0	Family	3.4	Family
Schinus	California peppertree	0.0	Genus	3.4	Genus
Abies	Fir	0.1	Genus	3.0	Genus
Acacia	Acacia	0.1	Genus	3.0	Genus
Cryptomeria	Japanese cedar	0.1	Family	3.0	Family
luglans	Walnut	0.1	Genus	3.0	Genus
Magnolia	Magnolia	0.1	Genus	3.0	Genus
Metasequoia	Dawn redwood	0.1	Family	3.0	Family
Pinus	Pine	0.1	Genus	3.0	Genus
Sequoia	Coast redwood	0.1	Family	3.0	Family
Sequoiadendron	Giant sequoia	0.1	Family	3.0	Family
Taxodium	Baldcypress	0.1	Genus	3.0	Genus
Ginkgo	Ginkgo	0.0	Genus	2.7	Genus

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Larix	Larch	0.1	Family	2.3	Family
Ceanothus	Ceanothus	0.0	Genus	2.1	Genus
Acer	Maple	0.1	Genus	1.6	Genus
Aesculus	Buckeye	0.1	Order	1.6	Order
Ailanthus	Tree of heaven	0.1	Order	1.6	Order
Asimina	Pawpaw	0.1	Order	1.6	Order
Carpinus	Hornbeam	0.1	Genus	1.6	Genus
Carya	Hickory	0.1	Genus	1.6	Genus
Cedrus	Cedar	0.1	Genus	1.6	Genus
Citrus	Citrus	0.1	Genus	1.6	Genus
Cornus	Dogwood	0.1	Genus	1.6	Genus
Pseudotsuga	Douglas-fir	0.1	Genus	1.6	Genus
Araucaria	Bunya bunya	0.1	Order	1.5	Order
Taxus	Yew	0.1	Superorder	1.5	Superorder
Alnus	Alder	0.1	Family	0.9	Family
Corylus	Hazelnut	0.1	Family	0.9	Family
Myrica	Bayberry	0.0	Genus	1.0	Genus
Ostrya	Hophornbeam	0.1	Family	0.9	Family
Cupressus	Cypress	0.0	Genus	0.8	Genus
Calocedrus	Incense cedar	0.1	Family	0.6	Family
Cupressocyparis	Leyland cypress	0.1	Family	0.6	Family
Fagus	Beech	0.1	Genus	0.6	Genus
Juniperus	Juniper	0.1	Genus	0.6	Genus
Oxydendrum	Sourwood	0.1	Genus	0.6	Genus
Persea	Red bay	0.1	Genus	0.6	Genus
Thuja	Cedar	0.1	Genus	0.6	Genus
Castanea	Chestnut	0.1	Family	0.4	Family
Lithocarpus	Tanbark oak	0.0	Genus	0.4	Family
Aralia	Devil-walkingstick	0.1	Superorder	0.2	Superorder
Betula	Birch	0.1	Genus	0.2	Genus
Buxus	Boxwood	0.1	Superorder	0.2	Superorder
Celastrus	Bittersweet	0.1	Order	0.2	Order
Celtis	Hackberry	0.1	Genus	0.2	Genus
Cercidium	Paloverde	0.1	Family	0.2	Family
Chamaecyparis	False cypress	0.1	Genus	0.2	Genus
Cladrastis	Yellowwood	0.1	Family	0.2	Family
Delonix	Royal poinciana	0.1	Family	0.2	Family
Elaeagnus	Russian olive	0.1	Superorder	0.2	Superorder
Euonymus	Euonymus	0.1	Order	0.2	Order
Gleditsia	Honeylocust	0.1	Family	0.2	Family
Grevillea	Grevillea	0.1	Superorder	0.2	Superorder
Gymnocladus	Kentucky coffeetree	0.1	Family	0.2	Family
Ilex		0.1	Genus	0.2	Genus
Laburnum	Holly Golden-chain tree	0.1	Family	0.2	Family
Liriodendron				0.2	Genus
Liitouenaton	Tuliptree	0.1	Genus	0.2	Genus

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Morus	Mulberry	0.1	Genus	0.2	Genus
Olea	Olive	0.0	Genus	0.3	Genus
Sophora	Japanese pagoda tree	0.1	Family	0.2	Family
Tsuga	Hemlock	0.1	Genus	0.2	Genus
Wisteria	Wistaria	0.1	Family	0.2	Family
Zelkova	Japanese zelkova	0.1	Family	0.2	Family
Arbutus	Madrona	0.1	Family	0.1	Family
Cercis	Eastern redbud	0.1	Genus	0.1	Genus
Diospyros	Persimmon	0.1	Genus	0.1	Genus
Fraxinus	Ash	0.1	Genus	0.1	Genus
Iva	Marshelder	0.1	Hardwood	0.1	Hardwood
Laurus	Laurel	0.1	Family	0.1	Family
Lindera	Spicebush	0.1	Family	0.1	Family
Melia	Chinaberry	0.1	Genus	0.1	Genus
Pieris	Pieris	0.1	Family	0.1	Family
Polygonum	Japanese Knotweed	0.1	Hardwood	0.1	Hardwood
Prunus	Plum/cherry	0.1	Genus	0.1	Genus
Rhododendron	Rhododendron	0.1	Family	0.1	Family
Sassafras	Sassafras	0.1	Genus	0.1	Genus
Ulmus	Elm	0.1	Genus	0.1	Genus
Umbellularia	California laurel	0.1	Family	0.1	Family
Vaccinium	Blueberry	0.1	Genus	0.1	Genus
Adenostoma	Chamise	0.0	Genus	0.1	Genus
Forsythia	Forsythia	0.0	Family	0.1	Family
Syringa	Lilac	0.0	Family	0.1	Family
Vinca	Myrtle/periwinkle	0.0	Order	0.1	Order
Amelanchier	Serviceberry	0.0	Family	0.0	Family
Arctostaphylos	Manzanita	0.0	Genus	0.0	Genus
Camellia	Camellia	0.0	Genus	0.0	Genus
Catalpa	Catalpa	0.0	Family	0.0	Family
Cerocarpus —	Mountain mahogany	0.0	Genus	0.0	Genus
Cinnamomum	Camphor	0.0	Genus	0.0	Genus
Cotoneaster	Cotoneaster	0.0	Genus	0.0	Genus
	Hawthorn	0.0		0.0	
Crataegus Heteromeles			Family	0.0	Family
Hibiscus	Christmasberry Rose-of-sharon	0.0	Family Genus	0.0	Family
		0.0	Order	0.0	Genus Order
Hydrangea	Hydrangea	0.0			
Jacaranda Lagaretro emilia	Jacaranda	0.0	Genus	0.0	Genus
Lagerstroemia	Crapemyrtle	0.0	Genus	0.0	Genus
Ligustrum	Privet	0.0	Genus	0.0	Genus
Lonicera	Honeysuckle	0.0	Family	0.0	Family
Malus	Apple	0.0	Family	0.0	Family
Paulownia	Royal paulownia	0.0	Order	0.0	Order
Parthenocissus	Virginia creeper	0.0	Family	0.0	Family
Philadelphus	Mock-orange	0.0	Order	0.0	Order

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Pittosporum	Tobira	0.0	Genus	0.0	Genus
Podocarpus	Fern pine	0.0	Genus	0.0	Genus
Pyracantha	Pyracantha	0.0	Family	0.0	Family
Pyrus	Pear	0.0	Genus	0.0	Genus
Raphiolepis	India hawthorn	0.0	Genus	0.0	Genus
Rhus	Sumac	0.0	Genus	0.0	Genus
Ribes	Currant	0.0	Order	0.0	Order
Rosa	Rose	0.0	Genus	0.0	Genus
Rubus	Bramble	0.0	Family	0.0	Family
Sambucus	Elder	0.0	Genus	0.0	Genus
Sorbus	Mountain-ash	0.0	Family	0.0	Family
Tecomaria	Cape honeysuckle	0.0	Genus	0.0	Genus
Tilia	Basswood	0.0	Order	0.0	Order
Toxicodendron	Poison ivy	0.0	Genus	0.0	Genus
Viburnum	Viburnum	0.0	Genus	0.0	Genus
Vitis	Grape	0.0	Genus	0.0	Genus

^aOVOC emission rate for all genera = 1.67. OVOC based on total emissions (Guenther et al. 1998) of reactive VOC (ethene, propene, butene, acetalehyde, formaldehyde, acetic acid, formic acid) and less reactive VOC (methanol, ethanol, acetone, ethane).

^bGenus: measured genera values from the literature: C.D. Geron, pers. commun. (1999), Geron et al. (1994), Benjamin et al., (1996), Winer et al., (1983), Cronn and Nutmagul (1982), Evans et al., (1982), Rasmussen and Jones (1973); Family: median of genera values within family; Order: median of family values within order; Superorder: median of order values within superorder; Hardwood: median of hardwood values.

Note: Emission rates are in micrograms of C/g of leaf dry weight/hr (standardized to 1,000 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹ of photosynthetically active radiation and 30°C).

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