

VANISHING ACTS: TREES UNDER THREAT



WEBSITES

ARKive: Images of Life on Earth

www.arkive.org

Botanic Gardens Conservation International

www.bgci.org

Center for Plant Conservation

<https://saveplants.org/>

Center for Forestry Research (CIFOR)

www.cifor.cgiar.org

Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

<https://www.cbd.int/>

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES)

www.cites.org

eFloras.org

www.efloras.org

Flora and Fauna International

www.fauna-flora.org

Forest Stewardship Council

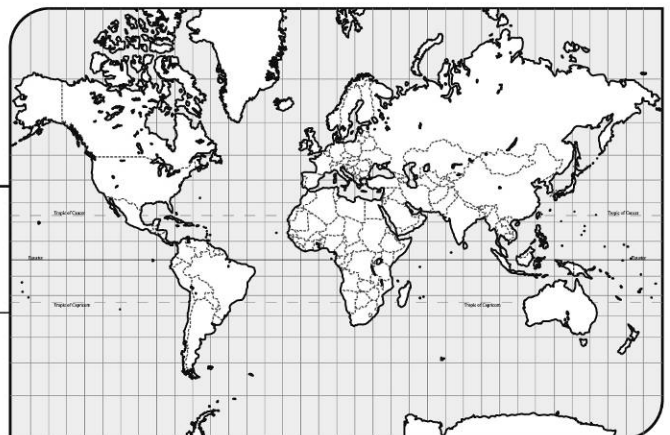
www.fsc.org

The Global Trees Campaign

www.globaltrees.org

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The Gymnospermum Database

www.conifers.org/index.php

Endangered Species Bulletin

<https://www.fws.gov/endangered/news/bulletin.html>

Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board

<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/ESPB/Pages/default.aspx>

IUCN (The International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources)

www.iucn.org and www.iucnredlist.org

Illinois Plant Information Network

www.fs.fed.us/ne/delaware/ilpin/ilpin.html

Biodiversity International

<https://www.biodiversityinternational.org/>

Missouri Botanical Garden Kemper Center Plant Finder

www.mobot.org/gardeninghelp/plantfinder

The Morton Arboretum

<http://www.mortonarb.org/science-conservation>

Online Tree Encyclopedia

www.cirrusimage.com/trees.htm

People and Plants International

www.peopleandplants.org

Plantlife International

www.plantlife.org.uk

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

<https://www.kew.org/>

UConn Plant Database

www.hort.uconn.edu/plants

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USDA Plants Database Threatened and Endangered Plants

plants.usda.gov/threat.html

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Endangered Species Program

www.fws.gov/endangered/

Virginia Tech Tree Identification Fact Sheets

dendro.cnre.vt.edu/dendrology/factsheets.cfm

World Resources Institute

www.wri.org

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Make a Personal Pledge.

What will you do to help save endangered trees? Consider how others have responded to the challenge and make your own pledge to take action.

To help meet the challenge of protecting endangered trees, I will ...

- Plant an endangered tree in my yard.
- Reuse and repair things until they are totally worn out.
- Only buy wood furniture with a Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) label on it.
- Volunteer at the arboretum or botanical garden near where I live.
- Tell others about this exhibit.
- Get a book from my library and learn more about endangered trees.

Now, make your own pledge! Go to the next page for a printable pledge you can fill in yourself.

Donate \$20 to support the Global Trees Campaign

The Global Trees Campaign is a partnership between Botanic Gardens Conservation International, Flora and Fauna International, and other global organizations working to save endangered trees. As a donor, you'll be an active partner in their mission to inspire action for trees.

To make your donation, visit www.globaltrees.org/support.htm

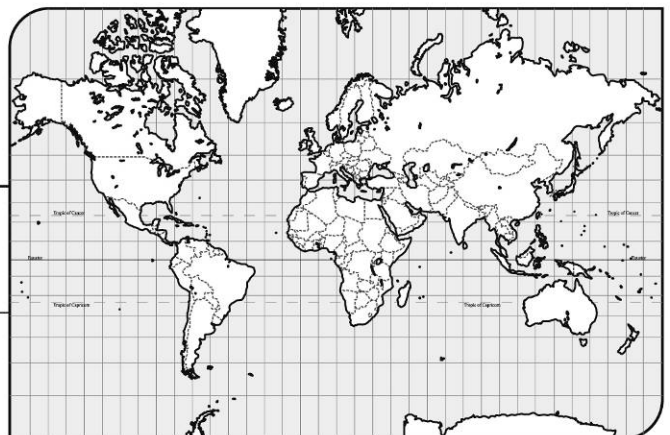
Send a letter to your U.S. Senator.

Ask them to consider the urgent need to address threats posed to our nation's trees and forests by changes in the world's climate. Go to page 8 for a letter you can print out, or write one of your own.

To find the names and addresses of your U.S. senators, visit www.senate.gov

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Date _____

Dear Senator _____,

As someone who cares about saving America's threatened and endangered tree species, I urge you to consider the serious threats facing our nation's trees and forests from changes to the earth's climate. Many of us know about the crises facing polar bears and Arctic seas from climate change, but fewer know about the trees and forests that are disappearing under the stress of these changes.

In many of our most endangered ecosystems, climate change is already causing visible problems. In the highest parts of the Great Smoky Mountains, climate changes have helped create conditions perfect for the balsam woolly adelgid, a tiny insect that has already wiped out most of America's wild Fraser fir population. Mountains in our southwestern states are home to the Intermountain Bristlecone Pine, a species adapted to living on exposed and dry rocky slopes at very high elevations. Being adapted to such a specialized niche makes this species particularly vulnerable to climate changes that alter its habitat.

Stewardship of the land and trees is a long-standing American tradition that can be traced back from Theodore Roosevelt to Henry David Thoreau to Thomas Jefferson. We can point with pride to American efforts to save the bald eagle. With so much of America's natural tree heritage under similar threat of extinction, how can we sit back and watch it disappear?

I urge you, as you consider legislation that impacts our nation's trees and forests, to keep in mind the threats posed by climate change. Stronger protection for endangered species, hands-on habitat conservation and restoration work, and other measures will help us meet our commitment to saving our natural heritage for future generations.

Sincerely,