

TOP 10 REASONS TO SAVE THE AMERICAN CHESTNUT

Healthy Forests

Restoring the American chestnut will improve our forests and increase biodiversity.

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Restoring an American Legacy

Referred to as the “cradle-to-grave tree” for its variety of uses, it was an important food source and cash crop for the people of Appalachia.

Superior Wildlife Food

A single American chestnut tree produces abundant and highly nutritious food for wildlife year after year.

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Reclamation

Its fast growth and tolerance of rocky, acidic, and poor soils makes it perfect for returning degraded landscapes, such as those left by mining, to diverse and healthy forests.

Road Map for the Future

American chestnut research creates a template for restoration of other species across the world.

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Outstanding Timber

The lumber is straight, strong and rot-resistant.

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Craftsmanship

A light, durable wood with a lovely color and attractive grain appreciated for furniture and architectural elements.

Cuisine

The seed is smaller and sweeter than other chestnuts. It is often preferred for cooking and roasting because of its superior flavor.

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Landscaping

The American chestnut spreads its branches wide as a shade tree and produces large white flowers before its abundant fruit production.

Conservation

Restoring the American chestnut will be a conservation achievement of historic proportions, turning around what is considered to be one of the worst ecological disasters of the 20th century.

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