# TOP 10 REASONS TO SAVE THE AMERICAN CHESTNUT

#### Healthy Forests

Restoring the chestnut will improve our forests and restore biodiversity.





#### Restoring an American Legac

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.



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



#### 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.



A template for restoration of other species across the world.



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### Outstanding Timber

Lumber is straight, strong and rot-resistant.



## Craftsmanship

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

#### Cuisine

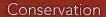
The American chestnut is smaller and sweeter than other chestnuts. It is often preferred for cooking and roasting because of its superior flavor.



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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.



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 our time."







