

# VANISHING ACTS: TREES UNDER THREAT



## LOCAL ENDANGERED PLANTS WALKING TOUR

### DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

#### Know Your Audience

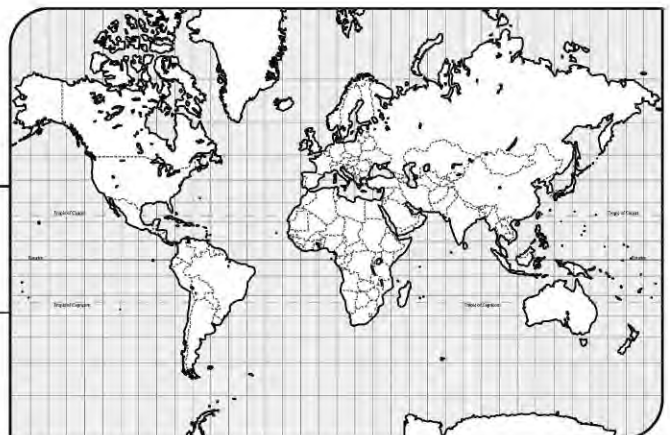
- Family
- School-age children
- Adults
- Industry professionals
- Teachers

#### Identify resources for endangered trees in your area

- The Morton Arboretum ([www.mortonarb.org/vanishingacts](http://www.mortonarb.org/vanishingacts))
- International Union for Conservation of Nature ([www.iucnredlist.org](http://www.iucnredlist.org))
- Botanic Gardens Conservation International (<http://www.bgci.org/>)
- Fauna & Flora International ([www.fauna-flora.org/](http://www.fauna-flora.org/))
- U. S. State Departments of Natural Resources, Game Commissions, and Departments of Fish, Game & Parks
- United States Department of Agriculture (<http://plants.usda.gov/threat.html>)
- Local nurseries
- Your organization

## Walking Tour

## Guideline



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## **Create content**

**Based on the audience(s) you've identified, you may use some or all of the elements of the exhibition panels to meet your needs.**

- Threat status/threats to this tree (Extinct, Extinct in the Wild, Critically Endangered, etc.)
- Facts about the plant
  - Common and Scientific names
  - Value to people
  - Current growing range in the wild
  - Sample of product made from/with plant or plant sample (live or photo)
- Why save this endangered tree
- Easy ways you can help save this endangered tree

## **Execute the Walk**

- Plants on your walk should be good representative specimens in close proximity to each other.
- Include content for each plant based on the above criteria that meet the needs of your audience.
- Incorporate elements that engage multiple learning styles. Can participants:
  - See
  - Touch
  - Hear
  - Smell
  - Taste
- Ask or respond to questions

## **Invite participants to take additional action**

- Tour the Vanishing Acts exhibit.
- Help you plant a tree.
- Take home a seed to plant.
- Attend a class or other program.
- Volunteer through an organization to remove invasive plants.
- Visit their local library or other resource to learn more about endangered plants.

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