



Explore and learn with photography

Kew-in-focus

Endangered plants



Explore Kew or a local natural area such as a park. Can you find any endangered plants?



Why might some plant species be under threat in the wild?

What do you think would happen if we allow some plants to become extinct?



Experiment with the photography tips to create a dramatic photo of a plant you wouldn't want to become extinct in the wild.

Challenge

Use your new skills to take a portrait of your favourite endangered plant.

Some plant-based products are grown on farms around the world but could still be endangered in the wild. Can you find an everyday plant at home that's under threat in its natural habitat?

You can share your photos on social media – let us know the name of the plant and why we need to protect it from extinction!

#KewGardens

This photo was taken by a young person participating in Kew's youth photography project.

The Temperate House is home to some of the world's most endangered plants. Some are even extinct in the wild!

Explore the Temperate House to find out more about plants like Wood's cycad, 'the loneliest plant in the world', and the St Helena redwood which is extinct in the wild.



Photography tips

Use these tips to experiment with light and shadow.

- Use white card to reflect light and make the plant brighter.
- Use black card to absorb light and make the plant darker.
- Use your mobile phone torch to make a spotlight to experiment with shadows.