

# Amazing Redwood Tree Facts



## Climate Change Heroes

Studies show that coast redwoods capture more carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from our cars, trucks and power plants than any other tree on Earth ([Passport Question Answer!](#))

## Tallest Tree on Earth

Coast redwood trees can grow to 300 feet or more—the tallest tree on Earth.

## Only Here!

Coast redwoods grow only one place on Earth—right here on the Pacific Coast, from Big Sur to southern Oregon.

## Almost as Old as the Dinosaurs...

Redwoods have been around for about 240 million years.

## Ancient Old-Growth – and Aspiring Youngsters

While there are 2,000-year-old redwoods in our neighborhood, most of the redwoods we see are much, much younger—about 50-150 years old. That's equivalent to about age 2-6 in human years! During the Gold Rush 95% of the local redwood forest was logged to build cities.

## Wild Animals Thrive

Wild, endangered creatures like mountain lions, coho salmon and marbled murrelet depend on the local redwood forests as habitat.

## Sturdy Survivors

Redwoods are extremely resistant to insects, fire and rot. There is no known insect that can destroy a redwood tree. Fire is not a big threat because the trunk is thick, there's lots of water inside the tree, and the bark doesn't have flammable resin like a pine tree does.

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