

Plants in Danger

Did you know that some plants are endangered? One in eight plants on Earth is dying out, and we may never see them again.

Scientists call a plant endangered if they expect it to die off completely in the next 20 years. They hope that special efforts will be made to protect the plant so that it can continue to survive.

There are several reasons why some plants are endangered. People damage the homes of many kinds of plants when they build new homes or farms. When they cut down trees to clear the land, they destroy the places that have been the plants' homes. In some places, too many sheep or other animals graze on the land and eat all the plants that grew there. Sometimes areas along the coast are filled in for homes and businesses. The plants that grew there are destroyed.

A group called Green Kids has gotten together to teach about endangered plants and to show that kids can make a difference. Each spring, Green Kids visit schools across Canada to perform funny skits about the environment. The skits teach kids how to help save our natural world.

1. What does it mean when a plant is endangered?
2. What are two reasons why plants are endangered?