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For sale: The 'extinct' Wollemi pine



Want to help bring back something everyone thought was lost forever? You can, by planting a Wollemi pine, one of the world's oldest and rarest tree species.

Thought extinct 2 million years ago, a small grove of the trees was discovered in Australia's Blue Mountains in 1994. Conservation efforts soon began, and a limited supply of the trees is being offered in North America through National Geographic.

Wollemi: Grove found in Australia in 1994.

"It's a great fit for our mission," says National Geographic's Krista Newberry. "We're offering consumers the chance to be a part of this incredible living history and help ensure the continued survival of an ancient tree."

The pine boasts bark that looks like bubbling chocolate, multiple trunks and deep green fern-like foliage. Able to survive a range of temperatures, it can be an indoor and outdoor plant and requires minimal maintenance. At maturity, about 50 years, it can reach 65 feet, but new plants are 10 inches tall. The pines sell for \$99.95 and can be preordered at shop.nationalgeographic.com or 888-225-5647.

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