Top 10 Things You Can Do to Protect Endangered Plants

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- 2. Plant native plants, which are key to maintaining our natural ecosystems.
- Never harvest threatened or endangered plants. It is illegal to harm any endangered plants live in the wild.
- 4. Buy plants from reputable buyers. Plant collectors must be particularly careful to ensure unusual plants are legal.
- 5. Don't plant invasive plants, which can wreak havoc on native ecosystems and endangered plants and animals.
- 6. Minimize use of herbicides and pesticides, which are hazardous pollutants that affect wildlife at many levels.
- 7. Buy reused wood or Forest Stewardship Council certified wood, highly recycled paper, and fair-trade coffee.
- 8. Don't drain! Some of the most precious habitats in the country are wetlands with unique plants and animals.
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