



Meet the World's Tallest Tree: The Coast Redwood

Tall

Many redwood trees are over 360 feet tall. That's taller than a 30-story skyscraper.

Wide

They're nearly 30 feet wide. That's as wide as a volleyball court.

High Home

Needles, bark, and leaves from other trees collect on redwood tree branches. After time, they become mats of spongy humus.

These mats are like gardens in the sky. They allow many plants and animals that live on the ground to also live up high in the treetops.

Needles

The flat needles of a redwood are its leaves.

Bark

The bark protects the tree from fire and insects. In some spots, the bark may be up to one-foot thick.

Roots

The roots spread out more than 50 feet from the trunk. Redwood trees living in a grove intertwine their roots. This helps them stand strong against powerful winds.

Only Here

These trees only grow in one place in the world—near the coast of northern California and southern Oregon.

Ancient

They can be more than 2,000 years old.

Thirsty

Each day a large redwood tree moves hundreds of gallons of water from its roots to its crown.

