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# CYCADS

Cycads have lived on Earth for 250 million years. This group, which dominated the landscape during the age of the dinosaurs, predates flowering plants by nearly 100 million years. Although often confused with palms because of the similar leaf types, cycads are most closely related to conifers and pines because they bear cones instead of flowers. In habitat many of the more than two hundred fifty known species of cycads survive in relatively poor soil conditions, amazingly harsh environments, some of which sustain annual fires. This adaptability makes cycads an excellent choice for plants in your landscape. Most cycads can outlive us: in fact, some individual plants are estimated to be more than 2,500 years old.

Although cycads are extremely durable plants that can live for centuries, most of the species are considered to be endangered or threatened. We continue to destroy what remains of their small pockets of habitat in the subtropical and tropical regions of the world. With the continued growth of the human population, the need for more food to feed that population and the development of new food crops that grow in areas of poor soil where cycads occur, all cycad species are at risk of being lost forever.

The Cycad Society, Inc. ("TCS") was formed in 1977 by people concerned with the plight of the cycads. TCS is dedicated to the conservation of cycads through education and scientific research.

There are many advantages to joining TCS. Each issue of our informative quarterly newsletter highlights a cycad species and includes articles on cycad

conservation and cultivation, travelogues on visiting cycads in habitat and information about cycad-related events and meetings around the world.

To support cycad conservation through cultivation, TCS offers a Seed Bank Program for its members. The Seed Bank obtains cycad seeds from growers throughout the world and makes them available only to TCS members. Many of the seeds offered through the Seed Bank are nearly impossible to obtain by any other means.

Looking for other people who enjoy cycads? TCS publishes a roster of members so you can find others in your area who share your interest. Looking for cycad information on the internet? TCS's website at [www.cycad.org](http://www.cycad.org) contains articles, photographs, links to other cycad-related sites and even an option to join TCS or renew your membership online via PayPal. If you want to talk to other cycad enthusiasts online, there are instructions in the website that will help you join Yahoo's cycad group, with more than a thousand members all over the world, including many well-known cycad experts who routinely offer information and advice on cycad-related topics.

Membership in TCS is on a calendar year basis, with annual dues payable at the first of the year. For your convenience, dues may be paid up to three years in advance.

We look forward to having you as a member of The Cycad Society and hope that you have a wonderful cycad experience.

