

Ashe magnolia

(*Magnolia ashei*)

About me: I'm the rarest magnolia in North America, and make my only home in the hardwood forests of the Florida panhandle. .

Why I'm rare: I've had trouble adjusting to logging, invasive plant species, trampling and even trash dumping that is happening in my habitat.

My story: Many people are helping to protect the habitat where I grow, and you can find me in more than 50 botanic gardens around the world. Some gardens are studying how to grow me and bank my seeds as a long-term insurance policy against extinction.

How you can help: Volunteer to help protect and conserve natural areas where you live.

