

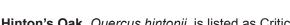


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Species of the Day: Hinton's Oak

<u>Hinton's Oak</u>, *Quercus hintonii*, is listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN's Red List of Threatened Species™. It is found in sub-montane to montane dry forest in Mexico.

Hinton's Oak has a restricted habitat and is thought to have strict altitudinal requirements. It has become threatened in recent years due to the serious destruction and reduction in size of its habitat. The wood has a variety of local uses, being part of the traditional culture of Tejupilco people, for tool handles, beams and fencing poles, but primarily for firewood. The wood is also traditionally used to bake "las finas" bread, the characteristic taste of which is imparted by the smoke.

Conservation measures include the involvement of local authorities and landowners, training on plant propagation, field research, and the development of an education campaign. The Global Trees Campaign conducted surveys on the species, with collaborative research between Mexican experts from the University of Puebla and staff from the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens & Arboretum in the UK. This has led to the development of a conservation strategy for Hinton's oak.



