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Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*) is one of the wonders of the plant world, growing to an age of thousands of years, and developing an immense girth. It is one of the very few higher plants with swimming sperm. A unique relic from the Age of Dinosaurs, it was on the brink of extinction, but managed to survive in very small numbers as a sacred plant in monastery gardens. In the last several centuries, Ginkgo became popular as an ornamental, and within the last decade it has been discovered to be valuable for treating memory loss. Indeed, it is currently the best selling herbal medicine in Europe and is among the top ten most popular dietary supplements in the US. Ginkgo stands as a beautiful symbol of the importance and value of saving the planet's rare species from extinction.

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