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Species of the Day: Rzedowski's Pine

<u>Rzedowski's Pine</u>, *Pinus rzedowskii*, is listed as 'Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species[™]. Only discovered in 1969, this extremely rare and unusual pine is restricted to three distinct populations in western Mexico.

Rzedowski's Pine trees are respected as being unique, and are thought to be safe from exploitation; however, fire presents a major threat to this species' survival.

Since this pine has not received formal protection in its native habitat, the three remnant populations of this species need urgent protection and vigilance against forest fires. The establishment of small forestry plantations using seeds from the different populations, together with the species' cultivation in botanical gardens, has been proposed as an additional security measure.