PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER
of The American Chestnut Foundation
Our Mission:
To restore the American chestnut to the forests and woodlands of Pennsylvania and the mid-Atlantic states.
In the Appalachian range, ONE IN FOUR trees was American chestnut.
• 100 + feet tall
• Up to 15 feet in diameter
• Up to 500 years old
Travelled up to **50 miles per year** post-introduction.
4 billion
American chestnut trees gone
Chinese Chestnut

- Most easily found when in bloom
- Male flower: strong scent; long fuzzy flowers
- American
- Chinese
- European
- Japanese
American chestnut

- Leaf **hairless**
- Leaf **thin**
- Leaf **canoe-shaped**
- **Breaking ocean wave dentation**
- Twig **hairless** and red to chestnut-brown
- Bud **smooth**, and brown, **pointed**
Chinese chestnut

- Leaf **glossy**, usually **hairy** on underside
- Leaf **thick** and **leathery**
- Leaf **oval** with wedge-toothed margins
- Twig **pea-green** and **hairy**
- Bud **round** and pea-green
The mission of the PA-TACF is to restore the American chestnut to the woodlands of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.
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<th>American chestnut</th>
<th>Chinese/Japanese chestnut</th>
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<td><em>(Castanea dentata)</em></td>
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<td>Not resistant to blight</td>
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<td>Height: 80 – 100 feet</td>
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<td>Form: Dominant canopy tree straight trunk few lower branches</td>
<td>Form: Orchard tree many branches</td>
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The PA Chapter:
- 1000 + members
- Nearly 100 orchards in PA and NJ
As part of a larger effort to restore the American chestnut tree, PA-TACF has been breeding chestnut trees since 1994. Since then, over 50,000 chestnuts have been planted in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, and Delaware.

For more information, please visit www.patacf.org or call our offices at 814-863-7192.
Your contribution

- Membership
- Speak at meetings/ events
- Represent us at meetings and events
- Serve on chapter board
- Volunteer for orchard operations
- Plant and manage a breeding orchard
- Work in chapter office
- Submit an article with us or local paper
- What’s your idea?