

Sanguinaria canadensis (Bloodroot)



## OBJECTIVES

- **Restoration, Management, and Utilization** – Restore, conserve, and sustain culturally important plant species and associated habitats through species specific conservation goals.
- **Education and Outreach** -- Educate and build awareness of the importance of culturally important species while respecting and acknowledging the foundation of this knowledge.
- **Research** -- Undertake, encourage, and facilitate research that leads to sustainable management of culturally significant plants, their habitat and the products provided, as-well-as providing links to past research on the subject.

## WHAT IS THE CSPSI

The Culturally Significant Plant Species Initiative (CSPSI) is a collaboration between The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Southern Appalachian Man and the Biosphere Cooperative.

A principal goal of the CSPSI is to seek a balance of access, utilization, and restoration of human-nature interrelationships in Southern Appalachia.

The CSPSI envisions vibrant collaboration addressing critical issues affecting conservation, access, utilization, and restoration of culturally important species, encouraging institutions across the region to participate, while respecting and acknowledging Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) about the species.



### CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT PLANT SPECIES INITIATIVE

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