



Trochetia boutoniana



Powder Mills Nature Walk

**WHY SHOULD WE PROTECT OUR FORESTS AND TREES?
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Forests and trees have always been of great importance to mankind since prehistoric days. They perform vital functions that have been broadly classified into environmental, economic and socio-cultural values. They are important, valuable and necessary to our very existence. It's not too hard to believe that, without them we human would not exist on this beautiful planet.

Although the forests of Mauritius are small in area, they perform vital functions such as the conservation of soil, water and biodiversity. They are essential to life and are the ground troops on an environmental frontline. Our existing forests and the trees we plant work in tandem to make a better world. People enjoy and appreciate fresh air, clear water, beautiful scenery and wildlife.



Les Mares Nature Reserves



Mangroves

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