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Cashews, chocolate, coffee, cola, ginger, jalapeno, lemon, orange, pineapple, and vanilla all came to us from the rainforest. Here's a tasty treat using cashews, a rainforest nut.

Microwave Cashew Brittle--*contributed by Valleyview Public School, Ontario, Canada*

1 cup white sugar
1/2 cup corn syrup
1 cup salted cashews
1 tsp. butter
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. baking soda

Combine sugar and corn syrup. Microwave on high for 3 minutes. Add cashews and microwave on high for 3 minutes. Add butter and vanilla and microwave on high for one minute. Add baking soda and pour into a well greased cookie sheet. Let set until hard and break into pieces.

Interesting Fact
The cashew tree, which the cashew grows on, usually reaches a height of 40 feet. They have large, leathery, green leaves up to 6 inches long and 4 inches wide. Each fruit of the cashew contains one nut.

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