

## Press Pack: Facts & Figures

### National Plant Collections

- There are around **700 National Plant Collections** covering genera from *Abies* to *Zingiber* and containing over **95,000** garden plants. They come in all sizes, from miniature orchids to mighty oaks, and are found in all corners of the country.
- These are cared for and nurtured by **over 400 Collection Holders** across the country
  - **37%** collections are held by **private individuals**
  - **18%** are in specialist **plant nurseries**
  - **13%** in **botanic gardens** and **arboreta**, including Royal Botanic Gardens Kew and The National Arboretum
  - **10%** in smaller **gardens/charitable trusts**
  - **7%** in **governmental** or **local authority organisations**, including Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, Leeds City Council and West Ham Park
  - **6%** in **National Trust** and **National Trust for Scotland** properties, including Wimpole Hall (Cambridgeshire), Powis Castle (North Wales) and Brodick Castle (Ayrshire & Arran)
  - **4%** are in **RHS gardens** Wisley, Hyde Hall, Rosemoor, Bridgewater and Harlow Carr
  - **3%** in education establishments such as **universities** and **colleges**, including Cambridge University Botanical Garden, University of Reading and the Eden Project
  - **1%** held by **zoos**, including Chester Zoo and Paignton Zoo
  - **1%** held by community groups
- **40** new collections were **accredited in 2023**

### National Plant Collections by plant group *(ordered alphabetically by plant group)*

Plant group	Number of collections	Number of plants within collection(s)
Alpines, heaths & heathers	14	2873
Aquatic	3	521
Bulbs, corms etc.	64	11,355
Cacti & succulents	29	7522
Carnivorous	7	3864
Climbers	25	3470
Conifers	15	1007
Ferns & other non-flowering plants	18	1723
Fruit/Vegetable/Herb	49	9034
Grasses & bamboo	6	236
Herbaceous (annual, biennial or perennial)	172	25,177
Multiple genera	12	2449
Orchids	10	2450
Shrubs	125	12,355
Tender or tropical	47	5670
Trees	104	8798
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>98,504</b>

**Top three (number of plant collections):**

- Herbaceous / 172 collections
- Shrubs / 125 collections
- Trees – broadleaf and conifer / 119 collections

**Bottom three (number of plant collections):**

- Aquatic / 3 collections
- Grasses and bamboo / 6 collections
- Carnivorous / 7 collections

**National Plant Collections by region/county** *(ordered alphabetically by region/county)*

<b>Collections by local Plant Heritage group(s)</b>	<b>Number of collections</b>	<b>Number of different types of plant within collection(s)</b>
Ayrshire & Arran	14	1823
Berks/Bucks/Oxon	19	4394
Cambridgeshire	14	1656
Cheshire	22	2847
Cornwall	17	5495
Devon	47	4538
Dorset	12	1099
Dumfries & Galloway	9	531
East Midlands	24	3297
Essex	14	1280
Gloucestershire	29	3098
Grampian & Tayside	31	4546
Guernsey	3	915
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	55	7398
Herefordshire	9	1284
Herts & Beds	7	2501
Ireland (NI and Republic)	10	3959
Kent	45	7120
London	18	805
Norfolk	11	867
North East England	20	3113
North Wales	14	1059
North West England	27	4070
Shropshire	20	5524
Somerset	15	1262
South East Scotland	15	1118
South Wales *	11	1495
Staffordshire	6	1259
Suffolk	21	3079
Surrey	41	5150
Sussex	26	3402
Warwickshire *	10	1462

West Midlands	8	710
Wiltshire	4	211
Worcestershire	11	2155
Yorkshire	41	3982
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>98504</b>

*\*Area does not have a local Plant Heritage group*

**Top three (number of plant collections):**

- Hampshire & Isle of Wight / 55 collections
- Devon / 47 collections
- Kent / 45 collections

**Plant Guardians**

- Approximately **2000 plants** are **looked after** by [Plant Guardians](#)

**Plant Exchange**

- Approximately **1000 rare plants** are **exchanged every year** at the annual [Plant Exchange](#)

**Local groups**

- There are **25 local groups** across the country