

A PARTNERSHIP FOR PLANTS IN CANADA



INTRODUCTION

Plants and plant products play a fundamental role in every aspect of our lives. Accordingly, plant biology is an important part of primary and secondary school curricula. Hundreds of thousands of Canadians are employed in plant-based industries, we rely heavily on plant-based products, and, of course, plants are an essential component of our diet. However, while the importance of plants is well known, the urgent need for plant conservation is not.

Why

To adequately protect plants and their habitats, public awareness of botanical diversity and conservation must improve. Botanic Gardens are important educational facilities, providing leadership in plant conservation awareness.

What

A Partnership for Plants in Canada is a four-year program to promote greater public awareness of the importance of plants, the threats they face, and the action needed to protect them.

How

This program will help Canadian botanical gardens by developing educational resources, links between Canadian botanical gardens and links to international conservation and environmental education programs. We are consulting with Canadian Botanical Gardens and Arboreta to assess their conservation and education needs and capacities.

Who

With HSBC Bank funding through the Investing in Nature initiative, Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI), Canadian Botanical Conservation Network (CBCN) and Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) developed the program and are receiving additional support from Montreal Botanical Garden and the Museums Assistance Program of the Department of Canadian Heritage.

CONSULTATION

Participation to date:

1. Milner Gardens and Woodland, Qualicum Beach, British Columbia
2. Tofino Botanical Gardens, Tofino, British Columbia
3. UBC Botanical Garden, Vancouver, British Columbia
4. VanDusen Botanical Display Garden, Vancouver, British Columbia
5. Devonian Botanical Garden, Edmonton, Alberta
6. Muttart Conservatory, Edmonton, Alberta
7. Assiniboine Park Conservatory, Winnipeg, Manitoba
8. Niagara Botanical Garden and School of Horticulture, Niagara Falls, Ontario
9. Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton, Ontario
10. Sherwood Fox Arboretum, London, Ontario
11. Toronto Zoo, Toronto, Ontario
12. University of Guelph Arboretum, Guelph, Ontario
13. Montreal Botanical Garden, Montreal, Quebec
14. Reford Garden, Mont-Joli, Quebec
15. Memorial University Botanical Garden, St. John's, Newfoundland

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What we want to do for you

- Consult with education and conservation professionals
- Deliver presentations about the International Agenda for Botanic Gardens in Conservation
- Research and develop educational resource products
- Develop and encourage participation in suitable network forums
- Research and develop a Canadian Botanical Garden Education Pack and contribute to a Global Botanical Garden Pack
- Contribute Canadian content to BGCI's internet site: gateway to botanical gardens of the world
- Create "A Partnership for Plants in Canada" section on the CBCN site
- Assist in developing capacity to contribute to recovery plans
- Investigate and identify a variety of additional funding sources/opportunities

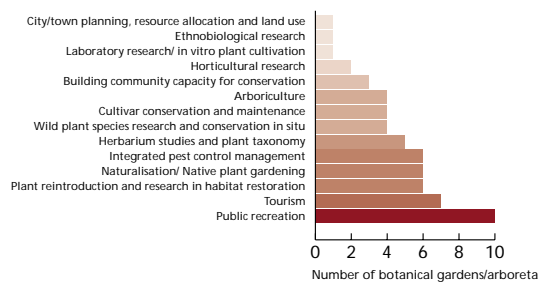
Your participation

- Let us know if you're interested!
- Provide suggestions and input
- Review proposed projects
- Review and register for participation in the implementation of the *International Agenda*
- Contribute information and content to educational resources and Web sites
- Assist with distribution and promotion of educational resources
- Find opportunities and co-operative arrangements for involvement in recovery planning
- Investigate and pursue collaborative funding opportunities

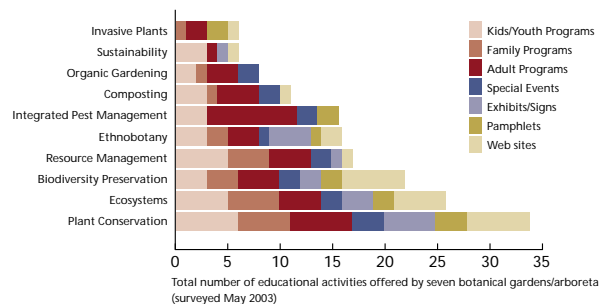
CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION AT 11 CANADIAN GARDENS AND ARBORETA

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Garden and Plant Conservation Activities



Education Activities



Canadian Botanical Conservation Network
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Canadian Heritage

Patrimoine canadien



PROGRAM GOALS

- Assess the status of plant conservation and education
- Promote the International Agenda for Botanic Gardens in Conservation
- Develop educational resources
- Create a Canadian botanical gardens educators network
- Develop Botanical Garden Packs on education and sustainability
- Expand content and resources available on Web sites
- Advance the recovery of species at risk
- Find additional funding opportunities

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