COMING SOON...

The North American Collections Assessment
Are your collections ready?

How much of North America's plant diversity is safeguarded in living collections?
You can help BGCI-US answer that question in 2010!

Conservation Value...
BGCI's PlantSearch database allowed the Arnold Arboretum to easily assign conservation status to 1000s of taxa almost overnight, such as this specimen of *Paeonia suffruticosa* var. *papaveracea* (Vulnerable, IUCN) (Nancy Rose).

Call to Gardens: Make Your Collections Count!

Public gardens of every shape and size in Canada, Mexico, and the United States can make their collections count in a **North American Collections Assessment**, by uploading collections data via a simple spreadsheet to **BGCI's PlantSearch database**. All data will be used in a continent-wide study of progress towards the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation. **Start planning now to make your collections count!**

Benefits For Your Garden

In addition to aiding global conservation efforts, your garden can use the PlantSearch database as a unique tool to **enhance your collections**.

This is a *free* way for you to *quickly* and *easily*:

- make your collections count for conservation
- find out the conservation value of your collections
- securely connect your *entire* collections to a global botanical network

Where Do I Start?

Mark your calendars! We are currently updating the PlantSearch database to make it even better - you can contribute your collections data once these updates are finished from **May 1-August 1, 2010**.

A great first step that you can take NOW:
Apply to become a Garden Editor at www.bgci.org/garden_apply.php and **create or update your garden's online profile** in BGCI's GardenSearch database…this will allow you to easily submit your garden's collections data this summer!

Research Value...
BGCI's PlantSearch database instantly connected the Arnold Arboretum's *entire* collections to an international research network, and allowed the Arboretum to supply researchers with material of this non-threatened species, *Tripterygium wilfordii* (Nancy Rose).

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Learn More at our website www.bgci.org/usa/MakeYourCollectionsCount

Read about one garden's approach to "Getting the Most Out of Your PlantSearch Upload"

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