

# Collaborative Botanic Garden Networks in the U.S.



**American  
Public Gardens  
Association**

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Gardens Association**  
Kennett Square, PA

Serves public gardens and advances them as leaders, advocates, and innovators. Connects the field of public horticulture to strengthen collaboration and enhance its impact. Protects plants and garden heritage, ensuring the future of public horticulture through pioneering programs and advocacy. Champions the role of public horticulture in improving the quality of life for all. Association resources include:

- Plant Collections Network
- Plant Protection Program
- Climate and Sustainability Alliance
- Tree conservation partnership with USDA Forest Service
- Newsletters, *Public Garden* magazine
- Million Pollinator Garden Challenge
- National conferences, symposia, webinars



**BGCI**

*Plants for the Planet*

**Botanic Gardens  
Conservation International**  
Chicago, IL

BGCI is a global voice for all botanic gardens and the world's largest plant conservation network, open to all. BGCI-US provides global resources to empower gardens in North America to protect threatened plants. BGCI-US led and published the 2011 North American Collections Assessment, updated annually, and conducts collections assessments for individual gardens. BGCI resources include:

- Conservation: community-based conservation projects around the world
- Information: GardenSearch and PlantSearch, free global databases open to all
- Global Networks: Ecological Restoration Alliance, Global Seed Conservation Challenge, International Plant Sentinel Network, Global Trees Campaign
- Connections: congresses, courses, manuals, newsletters, *BGjournal*
- Knowledge: Red Lists, *ex situ* surveys, GSPC toolkit, climate change and educational tools
- Advocacy: Reports to the United Nations on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC)



**Center for Plant Conservation**  
San Diego, CA

The Center for Plant Conservation works to ensure that all plants in North America and beyond are secure from extinction. CPC operates the only coordinated national program of *ex situ* conservation of rare plant material and works in research, restoration, technical assistance, education and advocacy of plant conservation. CPC resources include:

- National Collection of Endangered Plants: largest living collection of rare plants in the world
- Network of 39 (and growing) Participating Institutions, including major botanic gardens and arboreta
- Technical books, guidelines, Web and print information
- Annual meetings, training workshops and symposia



**Plant Conservation Alliance**  
Chicago, IL

The Non-Federal Cooperators of the Plant Conservation Alliance advances plant conservation, promotes native plant community restoration, and conducts plant conservation research. It represents the interests and ideas of Cooperator organizations and agencies, including botanic gardens, universities, educational groups, state agencies, businesses, professional societies, trade associations, native plant societies, and garden clubs. PCA NF Cooperators activities include:

- Developing a National Seed Strategy
- Educating governmental agencies and representatives on ecological issues
- Providing scientific expertise on native plant restoration and conservation to national leaders and decision makers