

Sri Lanka

Total no. of Botanic Gardens recorded in Sri Lanka: 6.
Approx. no. of living plant accessions recorded in these botanic gardens: Up to 10,000
Approx. no. of taxa in these collections: c.5,000
Estimated % of pre-CBD collections: 90%

Location: DAMBULLA
Founded: 1986
Garden Name: Dambulla Arboretum
Address: DAMBULLA.
Status: Private
Herbarium: No
Ex situ Collections:
Diospyros ebenum, Xylia xylocarpa, Mesua ferrea, Tectona grandis, Chloroxylon swietenia, Manilkara hexandra, Mesua ferrea, Artocarpus heterophyllus, Chukrasia tabularis, Vitex altissima, Cassia siamea, Berrya cordifolia, Tamarindus indica.
No. of taxa: Unknown
Rare & Endangered plants: Diospyros ebenum
Special conservation collections: Dry zone tropical timber trees

Location: GAMPAHA
Founded: 1876
Garden Name: Gampaha Botanic Gardens
Address: Henaratogoda, GAMPAHA.
Status: State
Herbarium: Yes Approx. no. of herbarium specimens: Unknown
Ex situ Collections:
First rubber tree, Hevea brasiliensis, introduced in 1876, died in 1986. Natural forest, orchids, ferns, medicinal plants, flowering trees. Dipterocarpus zeylanicus, Roystonea regia, Calophyllum inophyllum, Taraktogenus kurzii, Livistona rotundifolia, Cyrtostachys lakka, Calamus rotang, Ophioglossum pendulum, Asplenium nidus, Solanum macranthum.
No. of taxa: 1,000
Rare & Endangered plants: Yes, including the double coconut, Lodoicea maldivica, from the Seychelles.
Special Conservation Collections: Timber trees, tropical fruit trees, ornamental aroids.

Location: GANEWATTA
Founded: 1950
Garden Name: Medicinal Plant Garden.
Address: Ministry of Agriculture, Ganewatta.
Status: State
Herbarium: Unknown
Ex situ Collections:
Medicinal plants
No. of taxa: 75
Rare & Endangered plants: Unknown

Location: HAKGALA
Founded: 1861
Garden Name: Hakgala Botanic Gardens
Address: HAKGALA.
Status: State.
Herbarium: Yes Approx. no. of herbarium specimens: 2,000
Ex situ Collections:
Old tea trials, Eucalyptus, Camphor, Pinus, Melaleuca, Casuarina, Cupressus macrocarpa, Cinnamomum camphora, Syncarpia glomulifera, Rhodoleia championi, Michelia nilagirica, Rhododendron zeylandicum, Streptosolen jamesonii, Santolina chamaecyparissus. There is a bulb garden which includes Lilium, Zephyranthes, Watsonia, Amaryllis and Agapanthus. Palms including Phoenix canariensis and Chamaerops humilis. Roses, ferns, fuchsias.

No. of taxa: 2,000

Rare & Endangered plants: Some upper montane tree species which are becoming rare. Some rare herbaceous plants grow wild in garden. *Alsophila crinata* - Wolly tree fern of Sri Lanka (*Alsophila crinata*). *Gordonia zeylandica*, *Rhododendron zeylanicum*.

Location: HAPUTALE

Founded: 1986

Garden Name: Medicinal Plant Nursery.

Address: Ministry of Indigenous Medicine, Kalupahana, HAPUTALE.

Status: State

Herbarium: Yes Approx. no. of herbarium specimens: 200

Ex situ Collections:

Medicinal plants

No. of taxa: 50

Rare & Endangered plants: Unknown

Location: PERADENIYA

Founded: 1812

Garden Name: Royal Botanic Gardens

Address: PERADENIYA.

Status: State

Herbarium: Yes Approx. no. of herbarium specimens: 250,000

Ex situ Collections:

Delonix regia, *Lagerstroemia speciosa*, *Cassia fistula*, *C. nodosa*, *C. grandis*, *C. moschata*, *C. spectabilis*, *Tabebuia pentaphylla*, *T. serratifolia*, *T. spectabilis*, *T. guayacan*, *Mesua nagassarium*, *Peltophorum inerme*, *Spathodea campanulata*, *Brownea grandiceps*, *Bauhinia blakeana*, *Ficus benjamina*, *Fragraea fragrans*, *Araucaria cooii*, *Agathis robusta*, *Myrstica fragrans*, *Cinnamomum zeylandicum*, *Syzygium aromaticum*, *Pimenta dioica*, *P. racemosa*, *Elettaria cardamomum*, *Mondora myrstica*, *Piper nigrum*. An indoor collection includes *Anthurium* spp., cacti and succulents. There is an extensive orchid collection including *Coelogyne meyeriana*, *Grammatophyllum speciosum* and *Peristeria elata*. There is a fern house, water lily collection and a collection of tropical vines. A palm collection including *Lodoicea maldivica*, *Oncosperma tigllaria* and *Corypha umbraculifera*. There is an arboretum containing 10,000 trees and a selection of material from the tropical rainforest (Sinharaja). Medicinal plants of Sri Lanka (c.300 spp.), a systematic garden with 500 spp. Cycads and conifers. No. of taxa: 4,000

Rare & Endangered plants: *Diosyporos quaesita*, many different species of mahogany including *Swietenia mahagoni*. *Rauwolfia serpentina*.

- Around Kandy Lake about 500 trees, representing 100 spp. are grown.