

TOP 100 LARGEST HERBARIA IN THE WORLD

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EUROPE

GERMANY				
HERBARIUM NAME / INSTITUTION	DATE FOUNDED	TOTAL SPECIMEN	RANK	CODE
Botanischer Garten und Botanisches Museum Berlin, Zentraleinrichtung der Freien Universität Berlin	1815	3,800,000	16	B
Friedrich Schiller University Jena	1896	3,500,000	17	JE
Botanische Staatssammlung München	1813	3,200,000	20	M
University of Hamburg	1879	1,800,000	38	HBG
Senckenberg Gesellschaft für Naturforschung; Senckenberg Forschungsinstitut und Naturmuseum	1817	1,200,000	54	FR
Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde Stuttgart	1791	1,000,000	74	STU
Universität Göttingen	1832	750,000	97	GOET

FRANCE				
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Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle	1635	8,000,000	2	P & PC
Université Claude Bernard Lyon	1924	4,400,000	14	LY
Université de Montpellier	1809	3,500,000	18	MPU
Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle	1904	2,000,000	37	PC

NETHERLANDS				
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Naturalis	1829	6,900,000	4	L, Wag, U
Naturalis	1896	1,000,000	76	WAG
Naturalis	1816	900,000	83	U

SPAIN (SOUTHERN EUROPE)				
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Real Jardín Botánico	1755	1,158,116	60	MA
Institut Botànic de Barcelona	1917	800,000	87	BC

ITALY (SOUTHERN)				
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Natural History Museum of Florence	1842	5,000,000	12	FI
Università degli Studi di Roma La Sapienza	1872	1,120,000	61	RO

POLAND (EASTERN)				
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W. Szafer Institute of Botany, Polish Academy of Sciences	1867	1,227,500	52	KRAM
Jagiellonian University	1780	800,000	90	KRA

AUSTRIA (WESTERN)				
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Naturhistorisches Museum Wien	1807	5,500,000	8	W
Universität Wien	1879	1,400,000	50	WU
Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz	1900	1,180,000	58	GZU
Upper Austrian State Museum	1833	1,100,000	64	LI

RUSSIA				
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Komarov Botanical Institute of RAS	1823	6,000,000	7	LE
Moscow State University	1765 or 1780	1,044,751	67	MW
Saint Petersburg University	1823	800,000	91	LECB

UNITED KINGDOM (NORTH)				
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Royal Botanic Gardens	1852	8,125,000	1	K
The Natural History Museum	1753	52,000,000	9	BM
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	1839	3,000,000	22	E
University of Cambridge	1761	1,100,000	63	CGE
University of Manchester	1835	1,000,000	73	MANCH

SWEEDEN (NORTH)				
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Swedish Museum of Natural History	1842	4,570,000	13	S
Museum of Evolution	1785	3,100,000	21	UPS
Lund University	1770	2,500,000	26	LD
University of Gothenburg	1926	1,160,000	56	GB

FINLAND (NORTH)				
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University of Helsinki	1751	3,350,501	19	H
University of Turku	1919	9327,000	81	TUR

SWITZERLAND				
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Conservatoire et Jardin botaniques de la Ville de Genève	1824	6,000,000	6	G
Musée et Jardins Botaniques Cantonaux MJB	1824	1,000,000	72	LAU
Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich	1859	2,000,000	36	ZT
Universität Zürich	1834	1,500,000	46	Z

CZECH REPUBLIC				
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Charles University, Prague	1775	2,240,000	29	PRC
National Museum in Prague	1818	2,000,000	35	PR
Moravian Museum	1818	903,000	82	BRNM

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DENMARK				
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University of Copenhagen	1759	2,900,000	23	C
Aarhus University	1963	700,000	100	AAU

OTHER COUNTRIES				
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BELGIUM : Meise Botanic Garden	1870	4,000,000	15	BR
NORWAY : Botanical Museum, University of Oslo	1863	1,800,000	39	O
PORTUGAL : University of Coimbra	1772	800,000	88	COI
UKRAINE : M.G. Kholodny Institute of Botany, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine	1921	2,263,207	28	KW
HUNGARY : Hungarian Natural History Museum	1870	2,097,424	31	BP

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JAPAN				
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National Museum of Nature and Science	1877	2,026,000	32	TNS
University of Tokyo	1,877	1,700,000	41	TI
Kyoto University	1921	1,200,000	56	KYO
Hiroshima University	1929	970,000	78	HIRO

CHINA				
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Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences	1928	2,650,000	25	PE
Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences	1938	1,114,000	62	KUN
South China Botanical Garden	1928	1,000,000	71	IBSC

AUSTRALIA				
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Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria	1853	1,500,000	44	MEL
Royal Botanic Gardens & Domain Trust	1896	1,425,000	49	NSW
Australian National Herbarium	1930	1,204,426	53	CANB
State Herbarium of South Australia	1954	1,040,000	68	AD
Queensland Herbarium	1881	871,571	84	BRI
Western Australian Herbarium	1929	807,340	86	PERTH

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INDONESIA : Research Centre for Biology	1841	2,000,000	33	BO
INDIA : Botanical Survey of India	1793	2,000,000	34	CAL
SINGAPORE : Singapore Botanic Gardens	1880	750,000	98	SING
UZBEKISTAN : Academy of Science, Uzbekistan	1921	1,500,000	45	TASH
ISRAEL : Hebrew University	1,928	1,200,000	55	HUJ

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AFRICA

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SOUTH AFRICA : South African National Biodiversity Institute	1903	1,200,000	57	PRE
KENYA : National Museums of Kenya	1902	1,000,000	70	EA
GEORGIA : Institute of Botany, Iliia State University	1894	1,000,000	75	TBI

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA				
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The New York Botanical Garden	1891	7,921,000	3	NY
Missouri Botanical Garden	1859	6,850,000	5	MO
Smithsonian Institution	1848	5,100,000	10	US
Harvard University	* N/A	5,005,000	11	HUH
Field Museum of Natural History	1893	2,700,000	24	F
California Academy of Sciences	1853	2,300,000	27	CAS
University of California	1872	2,100,000	30	UC
University of Michigan	1837	1,750,000	40	MICH
Botanical Research Institute of Texas	1987	1,482,000	47	BRIT
Academy of Natural Sciences	1812	1,430,000	48	PH
California Botanic Garden	1927	1,230,000	51	RSA
University of Wisconsin	1849	1,078,000	66	WIS
University of Texas at Austin	1900	1,006,000	69	RTEX
University of Wyoming	1894	983,000	77	RM
U.S. National Fungus Collections, USDA-ARS	1869	950,000	79	BPI
University of Minnesota	1890	940,000	80	MIN
Cornell University	1935	845,000	85	BH
Duke University	1932	800,000	89	DUKE
United States National Arboretum, USDA-ARS	1934	800,000	92	NA
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	1903	800,000	93	NCU
Bishop Museum	1908	750,000	96	BISH

MEXICO				
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Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México	1888	1,600,000	42	MEXU
Instituto Politécnico Nacional	1943	1,080,000	65	ENCB

CANADA				
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Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada	1886	1,550,000	43	DAO
Université Laval	1962	779,000	95	QFA

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BRAZIL : Jardim Botânico do Rio de Janeiro	1890	800,000	94	RB
ARGENTINA : Fundación Miguel Lillo	1931	700,000	99	LIL

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