



Online research resources – compiled November 2021

Cultivar research

International Cultivar Registration Authorities (ICRAs) <https://www.ishs.org/sci/taxlist/taxlist.htm>

RHS Find a Plant search – can do partial word searches <https://www.rhs.org.uk/plants/search-form>

CVPO to find plants that have, or had Plant Breeder's Rights (free to create an account)

<https://online.plantvarieties.eu/#/login>

Commercial seed <https://www.hemzaden.nl/en/homepage> or <http://www.econseeds.nl/products/>

Dendroflora <https://dendroflora.nl/> '50 years of articles archive'

RHS Trials database <http://apps.rhs.org.uk/planttrials/index.asp>

Threatened Plants Programme – not online yet – contact TPP@plantheritage.org.uk

Species research

International Plant Names Index (IPNI) <https://www.ipni.org/>

Kew Plants of the World Online (POWO) <http://www.plantsoftheworldonline.org/>

World Flora Online <http://www.worldfloraonline.org/>

Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) <https://www.gbif.org/>

Botanic Garden Conservation International – plant search allows you to look for occurrence of species in botanic gardens (and find IUCN threat statuses) https://tools.bgci.org/plant_search.php

Floras of various regions or countries - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_electronic_Floras

Botanic Society of Britain & Ireland (BSBI) - <https://bsbi.org/>

General research

Academic journal papers on <https://www.istor.org/> (contact collections@plantheritage.org.uk for a login)

Open access scholarly articles can also be found on google scholar <https://scholar.google.com/>

RHS libraries https://libraries.rhs.org.uk/client/en_GB/default

RHS Hort database for citations in magazine articles

<http://apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/HortGenera.asp>

Plant groups

Alpine Garden Society Journal Index archive (AGS)

<http://archive.alpinegardensociety.net/publications/Alpine-Gardener/cumulative-index/>

Trees and Shrubs online – International Dendrology Society <http://dendrology.org/trees-and-shrubs-online/>

Help Me Find - Roses, Clematis and Peonies <https://www.helpmefind.com/rose/plants.php>

International Crassulaceae Network <https://www.crassulaceae.ch/de/home>

Bulbs - KAVB (ICRA for many) <https://www.kavb.nl/siergewassen>

Many botanic gardens have online plant lists and resources – some of them are compiled in this blog post - <https://collectionholdernews.wordpress.com/2018/07/10/have-you-found-all-of-these-yet/>



Historical research

Google books <https://www.google.co.uk/books>

Biodiversity Heritage Library <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/>

Hunt Institute – plant science periodicals <https://www.huntbotanical.org/databases/show.php?1>

Hathi Trust Digital Library – books and periodicals <https://www.hathitrust.org/> Periodicals & Books

The National Archives include some records from historic estates and plant nurseries

<https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

Herbaria online

Global herbaria records <https://plants.istor.org/>

<https://www.kew.org/science/collections-and-resources/collections/herbarium>

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/conservation-biodiversity/conserving-garden-plants/rhs-herbarium/specimen-database>

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/our-science/collections/botany-collections.html>

<https://www.rbge.org.uk/science-and-conservation/herbarium/>

RHS Image supply service <https://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/libraries-at-rhs/library-services/researching>

Digitised nursery & seed catalogues

Oregon State Uni 1885-1969 2200 flower and seed catalogues from US, GB, Europe and Asia

<http://scarc.library.oregonstate.edu/findingaids/index.php?p=collections/findingaid&id=2552>

German Horticultural Library

<http://www.historischegaerten.de/Gartenbaubuecherei/digicatalogue.html#uk>

American Daffodil Society Library - Collection of historic catalogues, not just daffodils e.g. includes listings for Nerine. <https://dafflibrary.org/>

Nursery catalogs from Europe, 1800 – 1990s <https://archive.org/details/europeannurserycatalogues>

Nursery catalogs from the USA, 1771 to the 2000s: <https://archive.org/details/usda-nurseryandseedcatalog>

Websearch tips

Tips for refining a google web search: <https://library.csbs.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/GOOGLE-CHEAT-SHEET.pdf> or <https://support.google.com/websearch/answer/2466433?hl=en>

Tips for refining a JSTOR search <https://guides.jstor.org/how-to-use-jstor/searching>