# Introducing the Botanics

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ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN EDINBURGH





## Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

# A world class scientific research centre

- 1 species new to science described every week
- 8,500+ publications since 1683
- Collaborations in 30+ countries

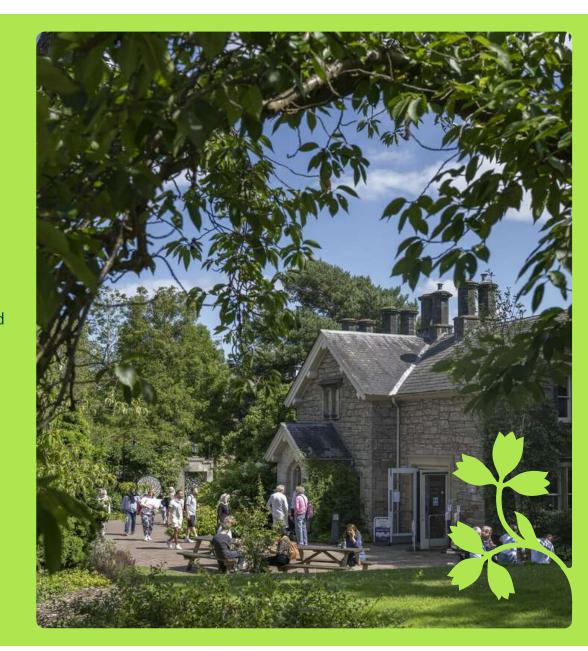
#### Education

- From primary school to PhD with students from around the world

A free visitor attraction

Public engagement & events Inverleith House

**National Collections** 



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## The RBGE Collections

#### Living Collection

- 4 gardens
- 11,371 species
- 200,696 plants

#### Herbarium

- 3 million specimens
- 1697 to date
- 50%+ of the world flora

#### Library & Archives

- c.70,000 books
- 15<sup>th</sup> century –
- c.20,000 artworks





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### **Plant Humanities**

- Building on existing strengths across the organisation
- Expanding current interdisciplinary humanities and social sciences research and creative practice

#### **Current Projects**

- PhD students, ECR Fellow
- Looking for projects that consider our collections in novel ways
- Encourage collaborative approaches



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# Thank you

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