
Botanical Garden



The Botanical Garden of our Faculty of Science is **one of the oldest university gardens in Europe**. In the complex covering 3.5 ha, besides the faculty buildings, there is a vast public area divided into several greenhouses and outdoor sections. The greenhouses are home to a **permanent exhibition from the tropics and dry subtropics** (the cacti and succulent collection). During the summer, the **collection of wet subtropic plants** is installed outdoors as well. In addition to the **extensive collection of succulents**, noteworthy are some of our large and **old specimens of cycads, camellias or myrtles**. Especially important is our unique specimen of Ginkgo biloba, the **Ginkgo biloba cv. Praga**, initially shaped using bonsai techniques and estimated to be about 130 years old. Furthermore, visitors can appreciate **one of the first dawn redwoods introduced to Europe** and other valuables. Yet, the most valuable of our collections covers the **Central European flora**. It was founded in 1904 and is maintained continuously ever since.

The Botanical Garden is visited annually by approx. 100.000 people. It serves not only as a source of demonstration material for the students of biology and other fields at the Charles University, but also offers a place for recreation to all people.