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HERBARIUM OF THE CENTRAL BOTANICAL GARDEN OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE OF BELARUS

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The Herbarium of the Central Botanical Garden of the National Academy of Science was founded in 1932. In 1956 and 1993 the herbarium work was reestablished after prolonged breaks.

The main goal of herbarium collections is to study the systematic and biological diversity of cultivated Belarussian flora. Specific attention has always been paid to the plants which under introduction tests in living plants' collections of the Garden and in other Belarussian botanical institutions (don't understand meaning).

Throughout its 70-year history, the herbarium amassed has about 20,000 specimens, of which 16,000 are accessible to researchers. This collection represents 5,107 taxa (incl. infraspecific taxa) in 1,060 genera belonging to 209 families: Dicotyledons 3,974 taxa; Monocotyledons 871 taxa; Conifers 147 taxa; Pteridophytes: 103 taxa; Fern allies 12 taxa. Important specimens include 50 specimens of topo- (don't understand) and autotypes (18 species, 3 subspecies in 16 genera of 13 families of cultivated plants). The herbarium also includes a woody plant collection from Prof. Anatoliy T. Fedoruk of the Belarussian Parks and Gardens. Rich collections of Boraginaceae and Aceraceae are also held. The former are collected in Belarus, Ukraine, the Carpathians, Northern Caucasus

