

Certified Collection Requirements

When you apply, you agree to:

1. Provide proof of plant type: A photograph taken by the collector of each species and cultivar in the collection is required, with the name of the cultivar or species indicated in the file name (not necessarily in the photo). The Photos must include at least one **clear and close-up** image of the flowers and, for waterlilies, at least one **clear and close-up** image of the pads. A committee of experts will review each photo to help you verify that what you have in the collection is true to type.
2. Provide the following:
 - a. For cultivars, the name of the hybridizer.
 - b. The date of Introduction.
 - c. A link to the page in the IWGS or another recognized database where the plant is registered. If the plant is not registered, provide proof that registration is under way for new cultivars. If the cultivar is not new or if the hybridizer does not intend to register it him or herself, provide proof of introduction using one of the following means: publication with name and photo in a catalog, reference book, magazine, participation in the IWGS new waterlily competition, or some other official source. Unknown or new varieties that are neither registered nor recognized by some official third-party source cannot be considered for certification and must be excluded from the collection.
3. Provide proof of diversity: the collection must have at least 25 distinct *Nymphaea* or *Nelumbo* cultivars and/or species.
4. Provide proof of a clear and consistent labelling scheme: The plants in the collection must have one or more of the following elements: legible sign labels, accession tags, booklet/pamphlet, interpretive map/sign, or a knowledgeable docent during times of public display to help in the identification of plants.
5. Provide proof of disposition: photographs should be submitted that show how the collection is organized and presented to the public.
6. Provide proof of public access - Collection sites must be “open for business” a minimum of 30 days per year or “open by appointment” to the general public.
7. Give an assurance of quality: Provide a description of the collection’s maintenance procedures. If the collection is no longer able to be maintained, the collection owner agrees to inform the IWGS and a decision will be made as to whether the certification should be suspended or removed.

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8. Post the IWGS Collections logo with link on website, and next to the collection.
9. Maintain a current IWGS membership status.
10. Contact the IWGS about any major changes in collection status, access, etc.
11. Have validated application photos uploaded to the IWGS Plant Database, and to have those photos identified as part of the certified collection. Subsequent photos may be added by the collector.
12. Display the IWGS Certification Logo at your location and on your website.

Renewal Requirements:

1. Certification approval is valid for a period of 5 years from date of approval. You must re-apply for certification at the end of the 5-year period.
2. The committee may organize a site visit by a qualified expert in the year prior to renewal.



Certified Collection Application Form for *Nymphaea* or *Nelumbo*

The following categories of certification are available for recognition:

- **Certified Collection of Merit:** A collection of **25** or more cultivars, varieties, and/or species of *Nymphaea* or *Nelumbo*
- **Certified Collection of Distinction:** A collection of **50** or more cultivars, varieties, and/or species of *Nymphaea* or *Nelumbo*
- **Certified Collection of Excellence:** A collection of **75** or more cultivars, varieties, and/or species of *Nymphaea* or *Nelumbo*

1. Which collection are you applying for?

Collection: *Nymphaea*: _____ *Nelumbo*: _____

2. Which certification category are you applying for?

Merit (25) _____ Distinction (50) _____ Excellence (75) _____

3. Organization Name: _____

4. Contact Name: _____

5. Contact Email (will not be shown on IWGS website): _____

6. Phone number (will not be shown on IWGS website): _____

7. Physical Address: _____

8. Website Address: _____

9. Operating Seasons/Hours: _____

10. Select Collection Interpretation: Signage _____ Docents _____ Brochure _____

