

Certified Collection Requirements

When you apply, you agree to:

1. Proof of plant type: A photograph taken by the collector of each species and cultivar in the collection is required, with name indicated. This will be reviewed by a panel of experts to make sure each variety is true to type.
2. Proof of diversity: the collection must have at least 25 distinct **Nymphaea** or **Nelumbo** cultivars and/or species.
3. 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. Proof of disposition: photographs should be submitted that show how the collection is organized and presented to the public.
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5. 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.
6. Proof of quality assurance: Schedule of grooming, fertilization and replanting.
7. Agree to post IWGS Collections logo with link on website, and next to the collection.
8. Maintain a current IWGS membership status.
9. Contact the IWGS with any changes in collection status, access, etc.
10. 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.
11. 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 _____

