



## Botanical Garden



One of the main tasks of Vilnius University Botanical Garden in 2024 was to evaluate the changes in the quality indicators of the Garden's plant collections during the last five years (2018–2023). The evaluation revealed that: the total cumulative quality score of the Botanical Garden's collections rose from 27.7 to 42.3 (out of 100); the biological value increased from 17.7 to 41.1; the international, regional, national value and significance of the collections for the Garden – from 26.9 to 35.8; the condition of the collection and cost to support it remained virtually unchanged; and the assessment of the documentation and presentation of the collection to the public rose from 38.7 to 53.4. Changes in the qualitative indicators of the Botanical Garden plant collections in 2018–2023 are presented in the section 'Key Facts and Figures'.

The assessment outcomes clearly showed that the targeted activities to improve the quality of plant collections over the past five years have been successful. The initiatives continued to increase the representativeness of plant collections (the number of plant families and genera represented in collections increased), the descriptions of collector samples in the database improved, and the collection was enlarged by the plants of higher value.

In 2024, the plant collections of the Garden included: 116 samples of 98 species of plants that are endangered internationally according to the international lists of IUNCN (up to and including the NT category); 59 samples of species (41 species out of 67) included on the Lithuanian Red List, 21 of which were collected from natural habitats in Lithuania; and 554 samples of plants listed in the Lithuanian National Plant Genetic Resources.

Throughout the year, the Botanical Garden continued to develop educational, cultural, and sports activities to meet the needs of both the University community and the general public. In 2024, 188 public events were organised, of which 65 were connected to culture and sports and 123 were educational. The Garden welcomed 124,300 visitors.

On 1 July, after a two-year break, the Vingis Division was reopened to visitors, following extensive renovation work and the reconstruction of the observation paths and historical hydrological facilities. The collections of herbaceous plants were also reorganised, with a significant part of them being moved to other places in preparation for essential renewal and major expansion in the coming years.

In 2024, Vilnius University Botanical Garden in Kairėnai celebrated the 50th anniversary of its establishment at this site. To mark the jubilee, a series of special events were held – a short film about the history of the establishment of the Garden in Kairėnai and two international conferences. At the end of the year, 5,770 sq. m of paved inner roads were renovated, the material base was significantly improved, and new visitor service equipment and technology for the maintenance of the Garden and common areas of the University were purchased. More than EUR 576,700 was allocated in 2024 to improve the infrastructure and material resources.



International recognition was one of the factors that made the year 2024 exceptional for the Botanical Garden. Botanical Gardens Conservation International (BGCi) awarded the Botanical Garden a certificate confirming its activities meeting the highest international standards for botanical gardens.

**Dr Audrius Skridaila, Director**

# KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

The Botanical Garden has one of the richest collections of plants in the Baltic States

The area of the Botanical Garden is **198.85 ha**  
Kairėnai Division – **191.5 ha**  
Vingis Division – **7.35 ha**

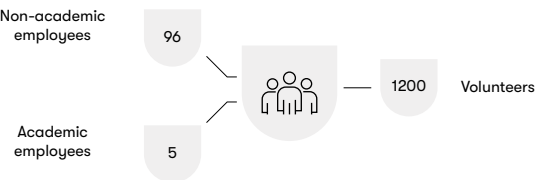
A collection of **9,939** plants of different names

**554** specimens of plants included in the lists of Lithuania's National Genetic Resources of Plants

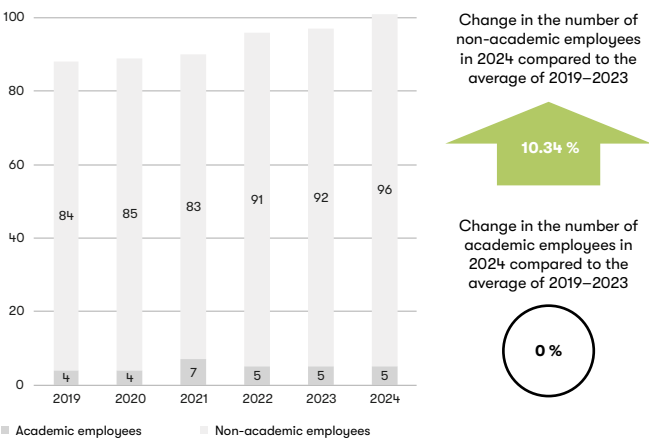
**116** specimens (98 species) are protected internationally under the IUNCN lists

**59** specimens (41 species) are protected under the Red List of Lithuania

## Number of employees and volunteers in 2024



## Changes in the number of employees, 2019–2024

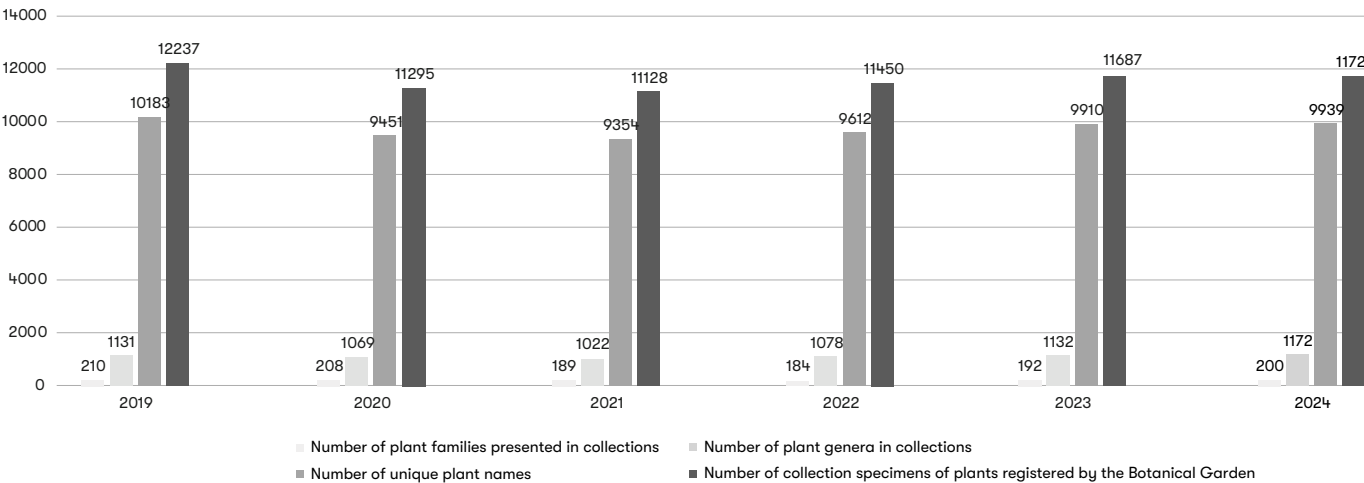


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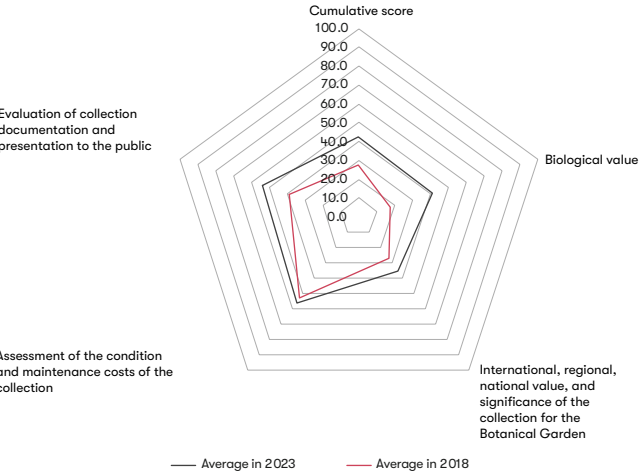
	Academic employees	Non-academic employees	Total
2024	0	3	3
2023	0	2	2

Data of 31 December

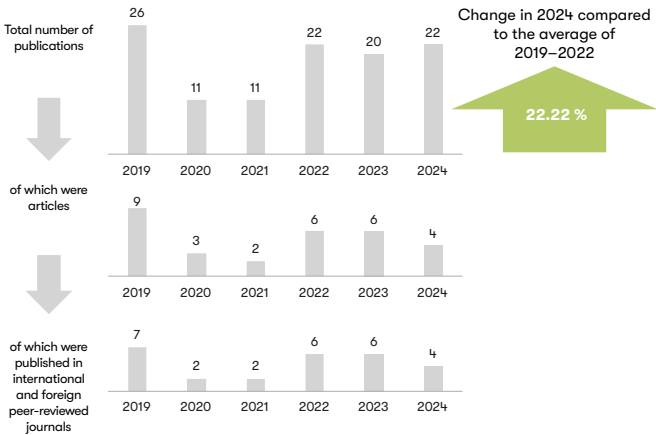
## Structure of plant collections and its changes, 2019–2024



Changes in qualitative indicators of the Botanical Garden collections, 2018–2023



Number of publications, 2019–2024



Research promotion, educational and other cultural activities, 2019–2024

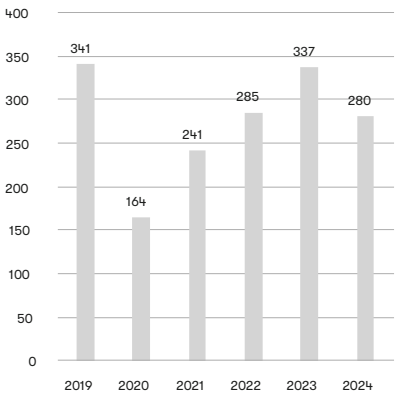
Number of research promotion articles



Published informational publications

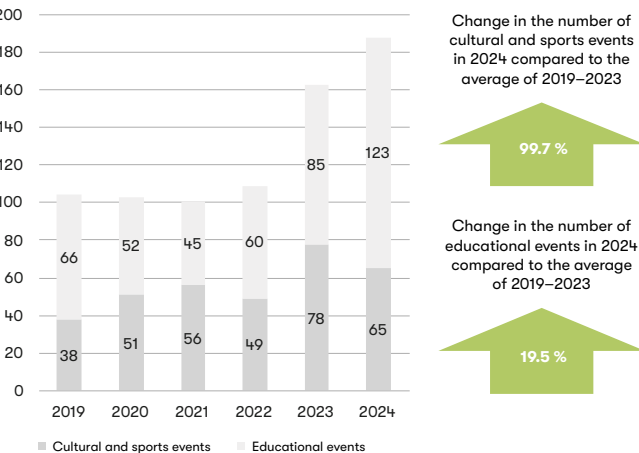


Educational services provided: tours and educational activities

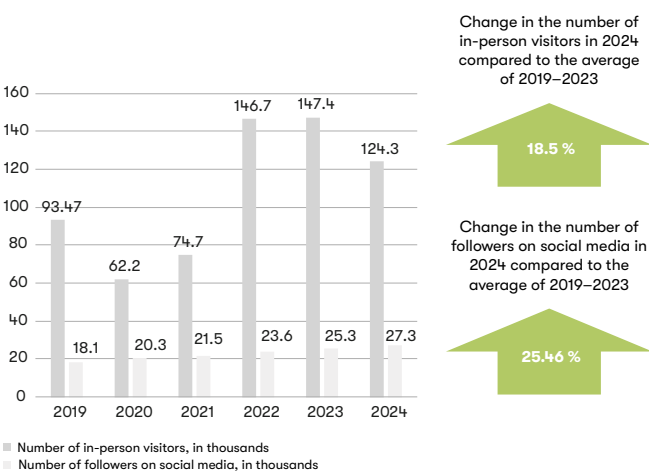


The total number of educational services provided during the period of 2019–2024 is 1,648

Number of events for the public, 2019–2024



Number of in-person visitors and followers on social media in 2019–2024, in thousands



Visitor rating, 2023–2024



\* Rated on a five-point scale.

Revenue from paid services, 2019–2024 (EUR thousand)

