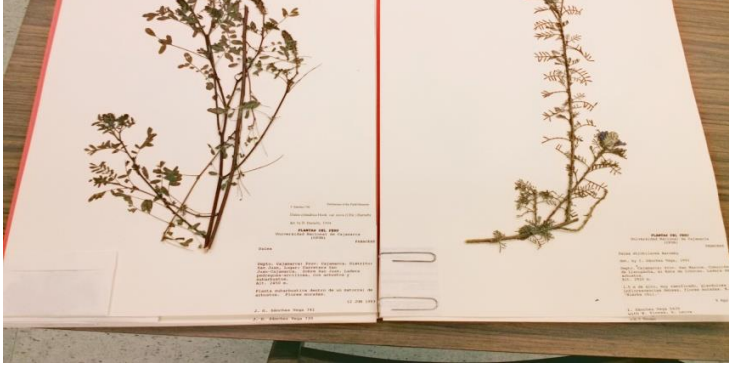




Information about the collected specimens is published in the form of a book called flora.

It gives a list of total plant species in a particular region together with a brief description of the same.

Some important floras of India are **Flora of British India, Flora of Delhi, Flora of Madras, Flora of Travancore etc.**

The largest Herbarium of the world is **Herbarium of Royal Botanical Garden at Kew in England.**

The largest Herbarium in India is **Central National Herbarium in the Indian Botanical Garden at Kolkata established in 1787.**

1.4.2 (B). Botanical gardens: Botanical gardens are places or institutions that maintain the living plant specimens of different varieties of plants for reference.

A botanical garden contains plant species from various corners of the world. Plant species in botanical garden are grown for identification purpose. Each plant is labelled. The label should carry its botanical name and its family. Botanical garden has green houses, a library, a herbarium, research laboratory etc. It is, therefore, not merely a garden but a botanical institution. At present there are over 600 botanical gardens in the world.

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon are considered among the wonders of the ancient world.

The largest Botanical Garden of the world is **Royal botanical garden at Kew in England. It is called the botanical capital of the world.** Bentham and Hooker were associated with this garden.

The largest botanical garden of **India is Indian Botanical garden at Kolkata.** The largest tropical botanical garden in Asia is **Tropical Botanical Garden at Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala.**