

National Collection of *Hemerocallis* of *Xanthorrhoeaceae* family.

The Wojstawice collection of lilies – *Hemerocallis*, being beautiful perennials blossoming in June and July, called the “one-day flowers”, is the largest and best-maintained collection of this type of plants in Poland and one of the largest in Europe. The collection has been developed regularly since two thousand and two. Every year about two hundred new varieties of daylilies are planted. Currently, this set includes almost four thousand species and varieties.

In two thousand and eleven, this reference collection was positively verified by the committee appointed by the Polish Association of Botanical Gardens and was awarded the status of the National Collection. A collection of species and the following groups of varieties were separated in the Arboretum:

- miniature daylilies;
- double flowered lilies;
- fragrant lilies;
- spider lilies;
- the winners of the American Stout Silver Medal;
- grown in the Siloam plant nursery in the USA;
- Broadway varieties grown in Florida;
- Lilies grown in Poland including those grown by:
 - Stefan Franczak’s brother;
 - Artur Jasiński;
 - Jerzy Byczyński;
 - Leopold Kurek;
 - Stanisław Achramowicz;
 - Grażyna Świątkowska;
 - and others.

In two thousand and thirteen, our collection was awarded the prestigious certificate of a demonstration garden of the American Lily Society. We are proud of it. This year we have also become the European assessment station of daylilies varieties.

Those who are interested in this wonderful group of plants are invited to the annual meeting of lily enthusiasts called "HEMEROmania" which takes place in Wojławice in mid-July, or refer to the website: www.hemeromania.pl.