

How do you call my name? I'm from abroad.

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Plant names are very important in botanical gardens. Why is the exact name of a plant so important? The accurate identification of plants by botanists is necessary for gardens, exhibition, herbarium, and education. The exact names and lists of plants are used for the management of plant resources at the national level, response to international agreements, advancement and transparency, and education. According to the law 'Act on the Creation and Furtherance of Arboreta and Gardens', Korea National Arboretum has the agency's own mission of classifying, naming, registering, and listing plant genetic resources. Korea National Arboretum recognises the importance of the name of plants, runs the 'National Plant Genetic Resources Committee', and deals with the 'Korea National Standard Plant Index' such as 'Checklist of Vascular Plants in Korea (Native Plants)' 'Checklist of Vascular Plants in Korea (Alien Plants)' and 'Checklist of Cultivated Plants in Korea'. Among them, the Checklist of Cultivated Plants is composed of a total of 10,848 taxa (5,381 taxa / 5,467 cultivars). In Korea, as interests in gardens and gardening activities have increased, many cultivated plants and horticultural varieties have been introduced. However, the names of plants from abroad are varied, causing confusion. Korea National Arboretum has guidelines on how to name these plants and manages the checklist of cultivated plants. This is because standardised and unified plant lists are essential elements of systematic plant resource management. We would like to discuss and share the case of how to call plants which are originally from abroad.