



Botanical Garden

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Botanical Gardens of the National Academy of Science are responsible for plant collections in Armenia. The Botanical Garden of Yerevan is situated in the north-eastern part of the city (80 ha of semi-desert habitat). The Botanic Institute holds rich herbarium as well as collection of 1070 species which represent 40% of the national collection (650 species) and shrubs which represent 51% of the collection (850 species). It holds the important collection of Armenian flora (1.5 ha, with around 750 species). The collection includes around 200 species of endemic, rare and declining plant species, and provides a basis for the study of Armenian flora, and the ecological interactions of species, in a relatively natural environment.

National Botanical Garden was considered to be one of the best in Former Soviet Union. As a result of energetic crisis in 1992-94 the Botanical Garden with its rich collection of flora was damaged because of cutting of trees, which were used for heating, absence of water and heating in the greenhouses of the Garden.

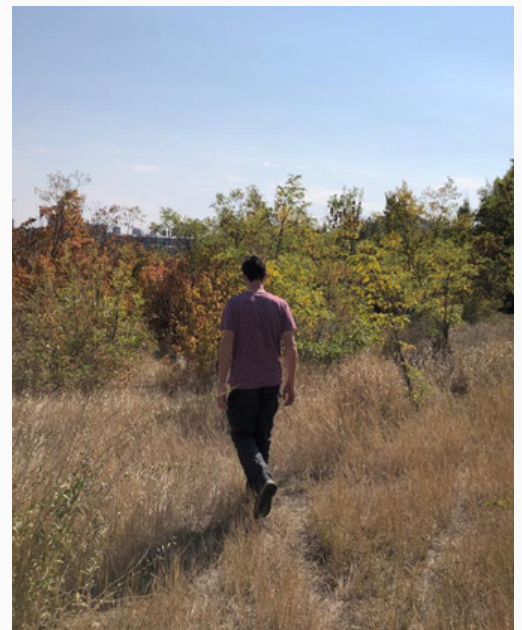
VOLUNTEER TASKS

Main tasks of the volunteer will be to assist the workers of National Botanical Garden of Yerevan in variety of environmental maintenance projects, taking care of space of the Garden, clearing the paths, taking out the weeds, cultivating the trees, collecting the seedlings, cleanness of the territory, etcetera.

Besides the volunteers, will carry out irrigation works together with the staff of the Botanical Garden. The volunteer will participate in most activities organized by the office:

1. The volunteer will have the opportunity to participate in all workshops and to support the staff in organizing these activities.
2. She/he will establish social contact with individual children and their parents, who visit the Garden, by chats and games to facilitate their environmental learning.
3. Creating the article about Botanical Garden for websites.
4. The volunteers will participate in the research in the field of Paleobotany
(Wiki: <https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paleobotany>) with an experienced specialist.

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS
- 1





VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

The volunteer should be ready to work outside and with plants. It is preferred that the volunteer have understanding of environmental education and capacity to present it to others in different formats (games, exercises, workshops). Ability to put his/her thoughts to paper is considered an asset (especially for the articles and promotion materials).

There are no gender, age, or other restrictions for the selection of volunteers. The main criterion of selection is the volunteer's motivation and interest in this field.

This project requires the volunteer to speak English and/or Russian.

WHAT OUR LONG-TERM VOLUNTEER IS SAYING....

"In the Botanical Garden of Yerevan our tasks are mainly in the Caucasian part of the garden. We are for example cutting the trees and bushes that have overgrown the paths, clean the area and plant ivy on walls and fences".

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