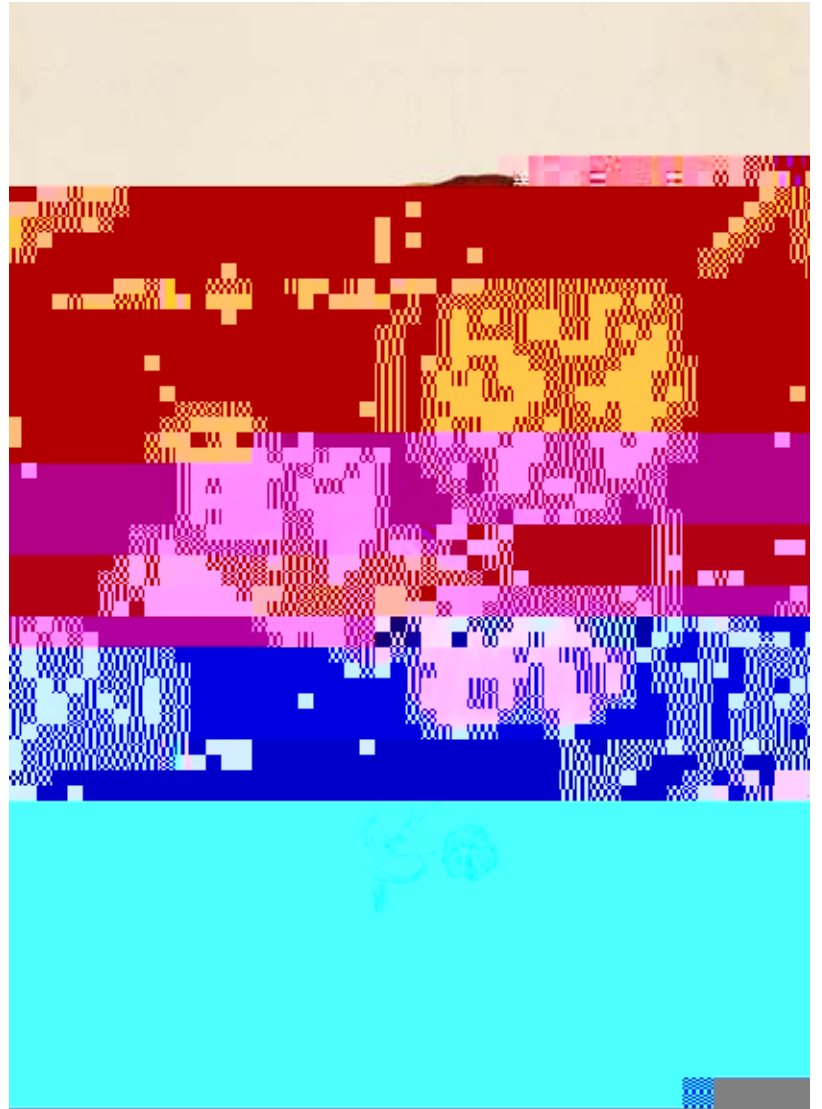




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The libraries in London, Wisley and Harlow Carr, along with reading rooms at Hyde Hall and Rosemoor, hold the world's finest collection of material on gardening and garden plants, with literature and artworks dating back over 500 years. *Tropaeolum majus* 'Nigricans' (), a nasturtium cultivar painted around 1834, was recently shown in our 'Petals and Pigments' exhibition, which featured the work of Caroline Maria Applebee.

Since 2014 RHS Libraries have been part of RHS Science and Collections. The Library collections, together with other collections and information resources held within the department, make up a unique Global Knowledge Bank for Gardening.

RHS Libraries' lively exhibition and events programme is key to achieving theme four the RHS Science Strategy 2015–2019 (Plant Science for all: people, plants, planet). By offering new opportunities to view our collections, we hope to give people a window into the knowledge, research and passion for plants that continue to shape all our gardens.

In December 2016 a new RHS Libraries Strategy was launched to further extend the reach and impact of our amazing collections and the knowledge within them.

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In spring 2017, fashion brand Coast launched its limited edition Flora collection of clothing and accessories in partnership with the RHS. These beautiful dresses, bags and separates feature designs inspired by the Library's floral art and will bring the treasures within the collections to a wider audience, as well as providing income to support our charitable work.

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