

Support Hortus Alkmaar

If you would like to support for this unique garden you can become a friend.

Friend

For only € 19,00 per year you will receive:

- unlimited access to the garden during the whole season
- one ticket for half price at every visit
- a 10% discount on purchases in the shop, tours, workshops, and courses.

Friend Plus

For € 80,- per year you will enjoy the same perks as a 'friend', as well as a free summer night tour with a celebratory finish.



Hortus Alkmaar is a member of the **Dutch Association of Botanic Gardens** (Nederlandse Vereniging van Botanische Tuinen). 24 gardens work together under the label 'Botanic guardians' to protect biodiversity.

Opening times

High season: 1 April to 15 October

Tue to Fri 10.00 - 17.00

Weekend: from May to September

Sat en Sun 12.00 - 17.00

Low season: 15 October to 1 April

Limited opening hours: check our website.

Closed: 27 April (King's day); 25 December till 1 January.
The garden is partially accessible for persons in wheel-chairs. Guide dogs are allowed (no pet dogs).

Entree

Adults	€ 4,50 p.p.
Children (8 to 15 years old)	€ 2,25 p.p.
Children (to 7 years)	free
Groups from 10 persons	€ 4,00 p.p.
Fee for a tour	€ 2,50 p.p.

Extra activities season 2017

Sun 23 APRIL	Start exposition 'Crown jewels'
Sun 14 MAY	Mother's Day
Sun 11 JUNE	Health market
Wed 21 JUNE	Midsummers Night's evening
Sun 9 JULY	Bees day
Sun 13 AUG	Wild fauna day
Sa/Sun 16-17 SEPT	Art weekend
Sun 15 OCT	Autumn market

Throughout the year we organise tours, workshops, lectures, courses, and children's activities. For the entire programme please visit www.hortusalkmaar.nl.



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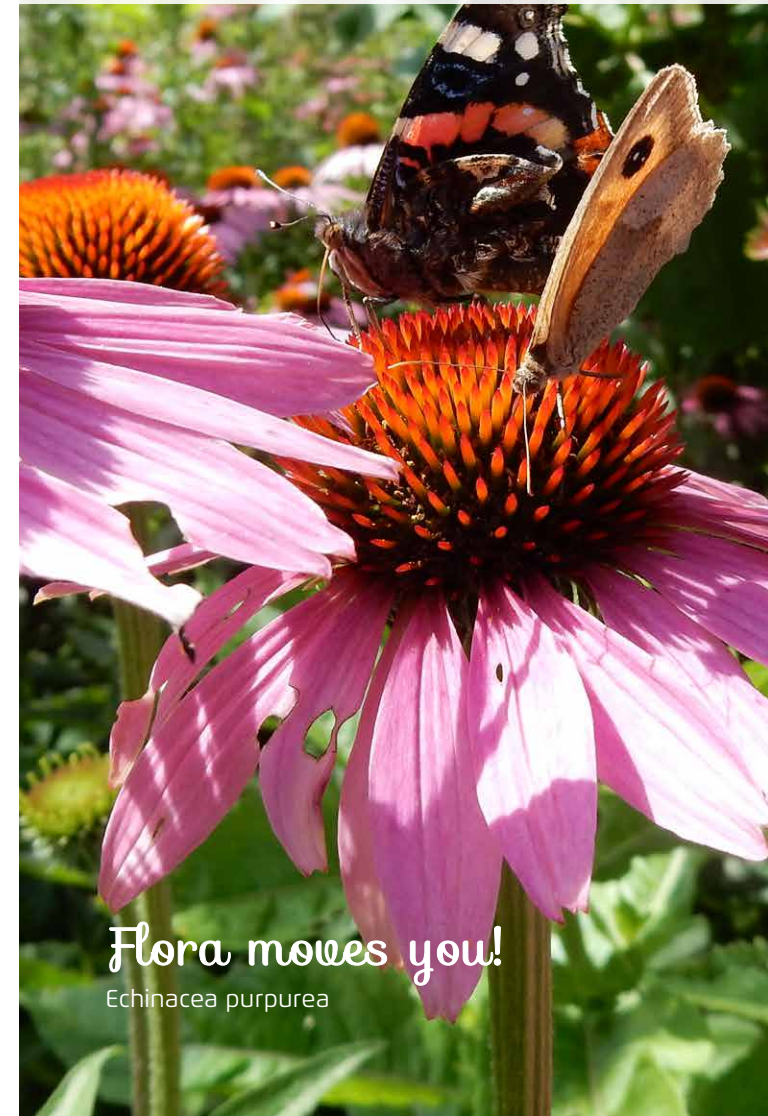
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Hortus Alkmaar

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Flora moves you!

Echinacea purpurea

2017: Year of the botanic gardens

- Exposition 'Crown jewels' (23 April – 22 August)
- **Hortus Chat**: talk with the plants through the new app
- Special book 'Botanic gardens in Holland' and stamps

History

Hortus Alkmaar was established in 1981 for the development of natural medicines and has its origin as a production garden. Over the years it was expanded to its current two-hectare dimension and the botanic collection grew to nearly 1000 species, 700 of which have medicinal qualities.

Hortus Alkmaar Foundation

With the help of a group of enthusiastic supporters the garden was saved from closure in 2011. The collection is now cared for by the Hortus Alkmaar foundation, and has been made accessible to the public. Due to the support of many sponsors, friends, and about 80 volunteers the garden is now a popular location for many nature- and plant lovers.



A large collection in a natural environment

What makes Hortus Alkmaar so unique is the variety of types and original species. Everything in the garden is grown organically, without the use of artificial fertilizers or pesticides. Since 1997 the garden has been certified by Skal and awarded the EKO Quality Mark. Our collection of medicinal plants is the largest in the Netherlands. The combination of quality, knowledge, and manual care raises the interest of academic researchers.



An abundance to see and experience

The alternation of production plant beds and theme- and biotope gardens makes the garden interesting. Among them are a swamp, dune flora, heath, rock-, and Mediterranean garden, central

European flora, and an American and European forest and new this year: a garden with carnivorous plants.

Kingfishers

This diversity creates an attractive habitat for birds and insects. Throughout the year over 40 bird species can be observed, including breeding Kingfishers, marsh warblers, and sparrowhawks. In summer you can find about 20 types of odonatas and butterflies.

Tea garden with terrace

You are free to explore the garden by yourself. You are also welcome to simply enjoy the sunny terrace or the tea garden. In the shop we offer a variety of special Hortus products.