

Nelumbo-holic Lotus Survey Series
#1 What is Your Favorite Lotus?

1 Do you grow lotus?	Yes	93.3%
	No	6.7%
2 If Yes , how long have you been growing them?	1 season	14.3%
	2-5 yrs	23.2%
	6-10 yrs	32.1%
	11 yrs	8.9%
	longer than I can remember	21.4%
3 If No , have you considered growing lotus?	Yes	75%
	No	25%
4 Are you a _____?	Pondowner	52.1%
	Commercial lotus grower	17.8%
	Lotus hybridizer	4.1%
	Garden center owner	2.7%
	Other	23.3%
5 On which continent do you live?	Asia	13.3%
	Africa	3.3%
	Europe	6.7%
	North America	68.3%
	Oceania	6.7%
	South America	1.7%
6 In which country do you live?	Large majority from USA	
	Other countries: Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Malaysia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Venezuela	
7 What is the main reason you grow lotus?	Beauty	53.5%
	Religious uses	5.9%
	Cut flowers	5.9%
	Food source	3.0%
	Resale/profit	17.8%
	Water quality improvement	6.9%
	Other	6.9%
8 What size lotus do you like best?	Large (full-size)	35.4%
	Semi-dwarf	18.3%
	Dwarf	11.0%
	Bowl	14.6%
	Tea cup	7.3%
	No preference	13.4%
9 What is your favorite lotus color?	White	16.2%
	Red	22.1%
	Yellow	5.9%
	Pink	14.7%
	Changeable	14.7%
	No preference	23.5%
	Other	2.9%
10 What flower form do you find most attractive?	Single petal	44.4%
	Multi-petal (peony)	30.2%
	Double headed	3.2%
	No Preference	19.0%
	Other	3.2%

11 What is your favorite lotus?

12 Please comment about what makes this lotus so special for you

Angel Wings - Special pointed petals

Angel Wings - At present my favourite because of its compact growth habit but excellent free flowering in small containers making it excellent to grow in small spaces. Also petal form is quite elegant.

Angel Wings - Many blooms small size beautiful flower

'Baby Doll', 'Momo Botan' - My hobby: water gardening + introduction of the exotic plants into Lithuanian conditions. I just beginning the experiment with lotus growing outdoors all the year in my country - hard.zon.4-5. These beautiful flowers should be adapted here!

Bali Red - (30 years in South Florida but not registered) - There is magic in the leaves.

Bali Red - (a tropical lotus) The absolute beauty of the plant in full growth.

Carolina Queen - I really have trouble picking a favorite, so this one I choose because it combines so many of my favorite qualities of both species of Nelumbo

Charles Thomas - the colour and being a reliable bloomer

Chawan Basu

Chinese newly hybridized, mauve red - Basically lotus flowers are sacred in Buddhism & Hinduism! Most of Japanese are Buddhist, so that we put lotus flowers in grave vase. When I was a child, my parents did so, then I grew up, I have been fascinated with their flower colors and their various flower shapes!

Nelumbo **'Die Lian Hua'** - I saw the picture in Victoria's Adventure pages. I have yet to see a live lotus! However this lotus has the lightness which comes from the contrast with white colour, the pink developing in the petal tips accentuating the form - the tapering edges and tips of the individual flower petals, bringing forth their intricate design. Hence this flower shows the ethereal beauty of what the legendary lotus is supposed to be - like the breath of goddess.

Embolene - I love the subtle shading on the petals. To me it has the pure lotus lines that best represent a classic lotus.

Empress/Maggie Belle Slocum - I like both of them & each year get more people who want one of them for the flowers & leaves. They are a joy to sell.

First Lady - Its color.

Hindu - It is a dazzling, photogenic plant!

Maggie Belle Slocum - It is not only the bloom but the large pads that reach for the heavens. Next year, I may have another favorite.

Momo Botan - lots of beautiful blooms on a compact plant.

Momo Botan - watching it emerge ever so slowly..

Momo Botan - The first one I grew.

Momo Botan - It is a reliable grower, is frost tolerant, flowers well and maintains a compact size which is easy to control in a pond situation.

Momo Botan - It's a survivor. I had one in a pot in 2003 when we were wiped out in a tornado. It was thrown out of its pot and lay on the ground for a few days before being picked up and chucked into the nearest open water - an above ground 4 x 4 space. It's still there growing on its own & flowering each year. Hopefully this summer will be the summer that it gets a real home again.

Mrs. Perry D. Slocum - Even though I think an Alba Grandiflora is classic perfection, Mrs. Slocum is my favorite lotus. I couldn't describe a full-blown blossom without using the word "voluptuous". I enjoy the changes in the flower each day.

Mrs. Perry D. Slocum - It is reliable, hardy and beautiful. The leaves are worth growing it for even if there wasn't a bloom

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Nelumbo lutea - It is native to the United States, and as far as I can tell, has never been "messed with" by breeders and hybridizers.

Nelumbo lutea - Beauty of the whole Lotus experience.

American lotus - Neglected, simple, beautiful, unknown, the pure species comes only in yellow

Native American - It might survive overwinter in the CDN Zone 6 pond.

Nelumbo lutea

Heat Tolerant, **native Asia Pacific, Pure White Single Petal** - Huge and graceful blooms, easy to take care, bloom all year round

Nelumbo Nucifera - It's the original that started it all and is the one recalled for in religious purposes. I feel bad for it because with so many hybrids and cultivars available, the species is hard to find now.

Nelumbo Nucifera - I have only one kind (no name or species available) flowering for me currently (got tubers from our local Botanical Garden in Stellenbosch). I got various seeds from all over the world, including Lutea, but none I grew from seed flowering yet.

Nelumbo nucifera - He is very beautiful and special, because I give it to myself a friend of India.

Nelumbo nucifera var. capsicum - It originates from the Volga river delta in southern Russia, and has beautiful, large, dark pink, single flowers which are produced in profusion.

Pekinensis rubra - Rich color, nice size, reliability . I would follow it with Sunflower. But, then again, I only grow about 10 varieties, so I am really no judge.

Red Lotus

Red Scarf - Fits in small pond, heavy bloomer, gorgeous blooms.

Rosea plena - Mostly its beauty.

Rosea plena - pleasant odor, variation, fast grower beauty

Rosea plena - persistent yearly bloomer and flowers are so showy

I think it's **nelumbo rosea** - I commented on a photo posted to the WGI list on a lotus - how classically beautiful it was. The WGI member responded, and went as far as to send me seeds from that plant, so it has a special place for me!

Russian red - the colour and cold resistance

Snow white - Proliferic bloomer. Bloom does not yellow with age. Multi-petals. Hardy.

Taiseikin - Double white flowers with red mottling which makes it unusual.

Tulip - I love the way the flowers sit up straight and don't nod over. The flower petals are a bit pointed at the tips and the leaves have a wave to them.

White Pundarika - Its religious significance

LIKE MOST ALL SPECIES

Too many to list - I like each for different reasons, color, size of flowers, long bloom season, etc.

Not yet... - I am trying to grow a lotus but haven't seen a living bloom yet!

All

Not Sure

No favorite

No favorites - whenever they bloom...they are my favorite, can't help it.....the lotus are all so beautiful

Don't have one yet - This is the first year (after 4 tries) that I have succeeded at growing a lotus. Unfortunately I picked Momo Botan -- not a particularly pretty one. Now I need to decide how much more room I can dedicate to one and make another choice.

I have several

I don't have a favourite - love the shape and texture of the flowers and the leaves. I just love the way they are.

tropical fox fire and indigo

yellow water lily - it is being used as the most sacred flower for balinese hinduism ceremony

Panama Pacific - I love the combination of the deep purple & yellow center