



Rhododendron

[Rhododendron](#) is a **large genus of woody plants** comprising approximately **1,000 species**. These plants are characterised by their showy flowers that come in various colours such as **white, pink, red, orange, and purple**.

- A total of 87 species, 12 subspecies and 8 varieties of Rhododendrons recorded in the **Indian Himalayan Region**.
- ***Rhododendron arboreum*** is the **state flower of Nagaland**. The traditional belief in the state is that consuming rhododendron petals can help **remove fish bones stuck in one's throat**.
 - However, **rampant [deforestation](#), habitat destruction, and threats** from pests have rendered many species vulnerable.



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