

What's Blooming—October 2019



Dwarf poinciana (*Caesalpinia pulcherrima*) is the national flower of the Caribbean island of Barbados. This flowering plant in the pea family blooms best in spring and fall. Find it blooming in Mina's butterfly garden.



Ixora (*Ixora coccinea*) is native to Southern India. It has become one of the most popular shrubs in South Florida because it flowers throughout most of the year.



Bridal Bouquet
Plumeria pudica



Allamanda
Allamanda cathartica



Double Hibiscus
Hibiscus spp.



Hong Kong Orchid
Bauhinia blakensis

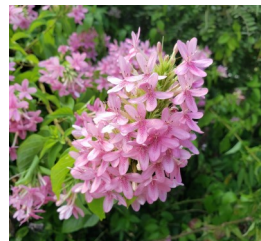
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Powderpuff (*Calliandra spp.*) comes in several colors and shapes. The flowers are comprised of many slender stamens, and are extremely attractive to bees and butterflies. You can find powderpuff varieties throughout the estates, including in the butterfly garden where the plants pictured below are also blooming.



Tree Lilac
Cornutia grandiflora



Ruddy Rose
Ruspolia hypocrateriformis



White Duranta
Duranta repens



Giant Milkweed
Calotropis gigantea

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Allspice Tree
Pimenta dioica



Red Orchid Tree
Bauhinia galpinii



Crinum Lily
Crinum asiaticum



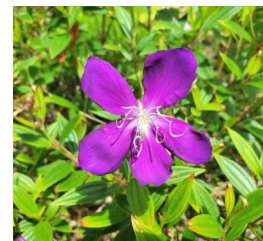
Firebush
Hamelia patens



Geiger Tree
Cordia sebestena



Rubber Vine
Cryptostegia madagascarensis



Princess Flower
Tibouchina spp.



Queen's Wreath
Petrea volubilis

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Bougainvillea
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Pinwheel Jasmine
Tabernaemontana divaricata



Cape Honeysuckle
Tecoma capensis



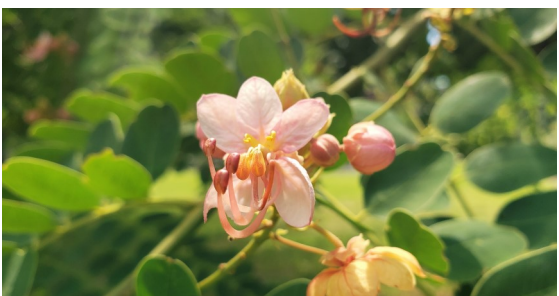
Ylang Ylang
Cananga odorata



Allamanda
Allamanda cathartica



Mexican Bird
Caesalpinia mexicana



This red cassia, (*Cassia roxburgii*) located between Edison's main house and the fountain, was planted in 2017 to honor the memory of beloved Fort Myers resident and Estates benefactor Berne Davis.

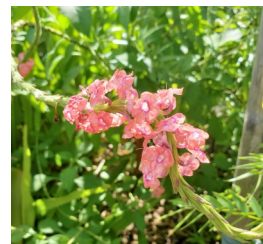
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Orchids were Mina Edison's favorite flowers and she attached them to the trees on her Fort Myers property. We are partnering with the Southwest Florida Orchid Society to hold our first Orchid Sale and Symposium October 12-13, 9 a.m.—5 p.m.



Passion Flower
Passiflora incarnata



'Coral' Porterweed
Stachytarpheta jamaicensis



Butterflies in Florida don't have to migrate south for the winter, so plant fall flowers to provide them with plenty of nectar. We have a special section in the Garden Shoppe with plants that your butterflies will love.

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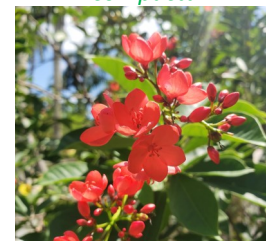
Chenille Plant
Acalypha hispida



Dwarf Allamanda
Allamanda cathartica 'compacta'



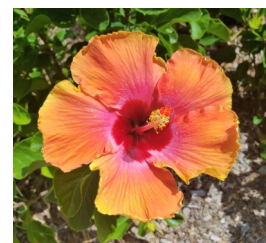
Starfruit Tree
Averrhoa carambola



Jatropha
Jatropha integerrima



Night Blooming Cactus
Hylocereus undatus



Hibiscus
Hibiscus spp.



Century plants (*Agave americana*) don't take a century to bloom. They flower only once, devoting an enormous amount of energy to a towering flower stalk. There are a two getting started by the Ford house.



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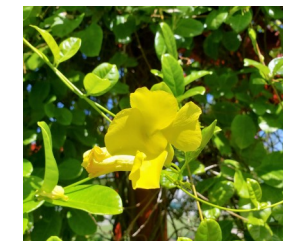
Monkey brush vine (*Combretum rotundifolium*) is attracting lots of honeybees this month. You can find this unusual vine and the plants below blooming behind the museum near the solar panel display. Moringa, called the miracle tree, is blooming in the community garden.



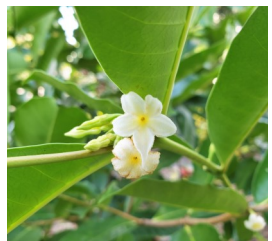
Moringa
Moringa oleifera



Glow Vine
Saritaea magnifica



Wild Allamanda
Urechites lutea



False Rubberwood
Mascarenhasia arborescens