

**What's Blooming—August 2020**

The plants pictured below are growing around the Edison Estate. You'll find lots of different cultivars for several of these.



**White Mussaenda**  
*Mussaenda spp.*



**Pink Mussaenda**  
*Mussaenda spp.*



**Bougainvillea**  
*Bougainvillea spp.*



**Bromeliad**  
*Bromeliad spp.*



**Crape Myrtle**  
*Lagerstroemia indica*



**Queen's Crape Myrtle**  
*Lagerstroemia speciosa*



**Chenille Plant**  
*Acalypha hispida*



**Rainbow Shower Tree**  
*Cassia javanica*

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Citrus season in South Florida goes from Fall through Spring, but some fruit trees are everbearing. Everbearing trees, such as the hybrid limequat south of the Guest House, can have flowers and fruit at the same time. The plants below are near the Ford Estate.



**Blue Plumbago**  
*Plumbago auriculata*



**Crown of Thorns**  
*Euphorbia milii*



**Orchid Cactus**  
*Hylocereus spp.*



**Simpson's Stopper**  
*Myrcianthes fragrans*

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**Firebush**  
*Hamelia patens*



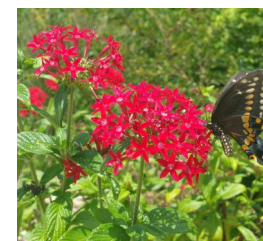
**Ruddy Rose**  
*Ruspolia hypocrateriformis*



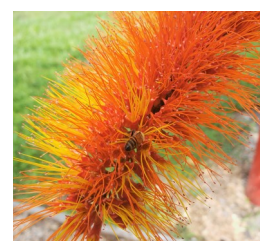
Here are some featured plants blooming the Butterfly Garden this month. Firebush is a native plant that deserves special recognition.



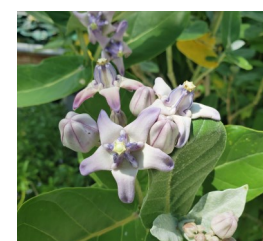
**Tropical Lilac**  
*Cornutia grandifolia*



**Butterfly Pentas**  
*Pentas lanceolata*



**Monkey Brush Vine**  
*Combretum rotundifolium*



**Giant Milkweed**  
*Calotropis gigantea*

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Bright and tropical, hibiscus love heat and humidity and are very happy soaking up the full sun all day long. The flowers on this panel are blooming near the Security Station and east of the Caretaker's House.



**Allamanda**  
*Allamanda cathartica*



**Bridal Bouquet**  
*Plumeria pudica*



**Spider Lily**  
*Hymenocallis sp.*

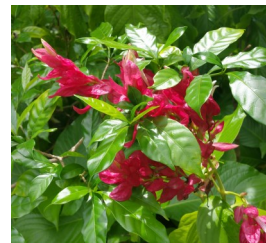


**Geiger Tree**  
*Cordia sebestena*

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Frangipani (*Plumeria spp.*) and plumeria are both used as common names for this wonderful small tree. The sweet-scented flowers are famously popular in Hawaiian leis, but did you know that frangipani are actually native to Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean?



**Brazilian Cloak**  
*Megaskepasma erythroclamyx*



**Dwarf Mussaenda**  
*Pseudomussaenda flava*



**Water Lily**  
*Nymphaea spp.*



**Asian Snow**  
*Wrightia antidysenterica*

The plants pictured above are just a few of the flowers located around Mina Edison's Moonlight Garden. They look lovely during the day, but even lovelier at night when the moonlight bounces off the reflecting pond.

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**Dwarf Poinciana**  
*Caesalpinia pulcherrima*



**Royal Poinciana**  
*Delonix regia*



**Powderpuff**  
*Calliandra spp.*



**Campanita**  
*Cubanola domingensis*



**Ixora**  
*Ixora coccinea*



**Thai Powderpuff**  
*Combretum constrictum*



**Rubber Vine**  
*Musa spp.*



**Crape Jasmine**  
*Tabernaemontana divaricata*

Dwarf poinciana and royal poinciana are both in the pea family. Rubber vine and crape jasmine were considered by Edison to be promising sources of natural rubber.

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Vinca (*Vinca spp.*) is a close relative of the periwinkle and is blooming hard this month.



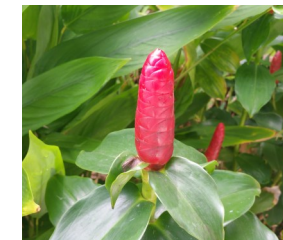
Thomas Edison planted a row of bananas (*Musa sp.*) to screen his Pool Complex from the prying eyes of boaters in the river.



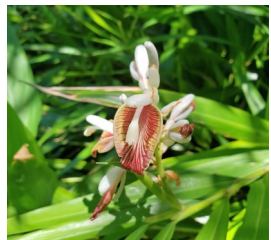
**Allspice Tree**  
*Pimenta dioica*



**Beautyberry**  
*Callicarpa americana*



**Red Button Ginger**  
*Costus woodsonii*



**Shell Ginger**  
*Alpinia spp.*