

**What's Blooming—January 2021**



Beautiful hibiscus flowers in a variety of shapes and colors keep the gardens looking tropical even in January! The mahoe and acacia below are near the Pool Complex, and the other plants are in the butterfly garden.



**Sweet Acacia**  
*Vachellia farnesiana*



**Mahoe**  
*Hibiscus elatus*



**Yellow Cestrum**  
*Cestrum aurantiacum*



**Bougainvillea**  
*Bougainvillea glabra*

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**Tulip Tree**  
*Spathodea campanulata*



**Yellow Shrimp Plant**  
*Barleria oenotheroides*



**Tropical Hydrangea**  
*Dombeya walichii*



**Red Shrimp Plant**  
*Justicia brandegeana*



**Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow**  
*Brunfelsia grandiflora*



**Ixora**  
*Ixora coccinea*



**Enchanted incense** (*Cerbera x manghas*) and the plants pictured above are growing on the Edison property along Orchid Lane.

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Both Mina Edison and Clara Ford loved roses. The flowers pictured above are in Mina's rose garden near the main house of Seminole Lodge. The plants below are located between the two Edison houses.



**Chenille Plant**  
*Acalypha hispida*



**Banana Shrub**  
*Michelia figo*



**Bougainvillea**  
*Bougainvillea 'Imperial Delight'*

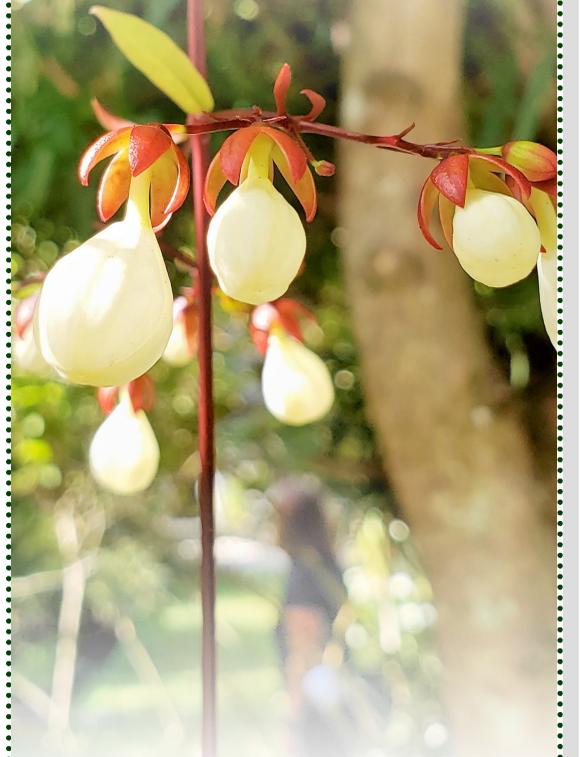


**Bromeliad**  
*Bromeliad spp.*

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**Tropical Dogwood**  
*Mussaenda spp.*



**Sunvillea**  
*Bougainvillea hybrid*



**Rose Allamanda**  
*Strophanthus gratus*



**Chalice Vine**  
*Solandra maxima*



**Ylang Ylang**  
*Cananga odorata*



**Hong Kong Orchid**  
*Bauhinia x blakeana*



**Light bulb clerodendrum (*Clerodendrum smithianum*)** has hanging flower buds that look like little Edison bulbs! The other interesting flowers pictured above are located between the Security Station and the Edison Caretaker's House.

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**Annatto (*Bixa Orellana*)** east of the Edison Caretaker's House has unusual seed pods. These seeds are crushed to produce a natural red food coloring and dye.



**Coral Porterweed**  
*Stachytarpheta jamaicensis*



**Crinum Lily**  
*Crinum asiaticum*



**Blue Sky Vine**  
*Thunbergia grandiflora*

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Here's a few of the orchids in bloom this month. The plants below are growing between the Guest House and Ford Estate.



**Burmese Lily**  
*Crinum procerum*



**Crossandra**  
*Crossandra infundibuliformis*



**Dutchman's Pipe**  
*Aristolochia macrophylla*



**Red Fountain Grass**  
*Pennisetum setaceum*



**Joy Perfume Tree**  
*Magnolia champaca*



**Pitch Apple**  
*Clusia fluminensis*

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**Sweet Begonia**  
*Begonia odorata*



**Brazilian Cloak**  
*Megasepasma erythroclamy*



**Purple Firespike**  
*Odontonema callistachyum*



**Philippine Violet**  
*Barleria cristata*



**Water Lily**  
*Nymphaea spp.*



**White Poinsettia**  
*Euphorbia pulcherrima*



**Powderpuffs (*Calliandra spp.*)** are blooming in red, white, and pink throughout The Estates this month. These flowers without petals are called "staminate." The plants pictured above are flowering in and around Mina Edison's Moonlight Garden.