

What's Blooming—May 2021



**Oleander**  
*Nerium oleander*



**Lychee**  
*Litchi chinensis*



**Hibiscus**  
*Hibiscus spp.*



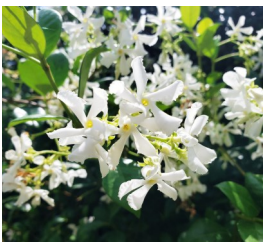
**Rubber Vine**  
*Cryptostegia madagascariensis*



**Shell Ginger**  
*Alpinia zerumbet*



**Bougainvillea**  
*Bougainvillea spp.*



**Confederate Jasmine**  
*Trachelodpermum jasminoides*



**Carolina Jessamine**  
*Gelsemium sempervirens*

The plants pictured above are mostly located in the area southwest of the Guest House and on the Ford Estate.

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**Joy Perfume**  
*Magnolia champaca*



**Bleeding Heart Vine**  
*Clerodendrum thomsoniae*



**Blanket Flower**  
*Gaillardia spp.*



**Chenille Plant**  
*Acalypha hispida*

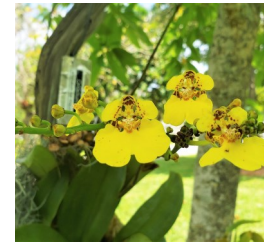
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**Pinwheel Jasmine**  
*Tabernaemontana divaricata*



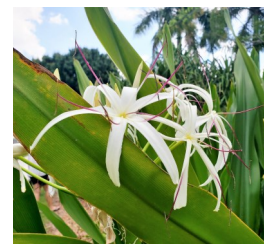
**Caladium**  
*Caladium spp.*



**Orchid 'Dancing Lady'**  
*Oncidium sp.*



**Crape Jasmine**  
*Tabernaemontana divaricata*



**Crinum Lily**  
*Crinum asiaticum*



**Gardenia**  
*Gardenia jasminoides*



**Barbados Cherry**  
*Malpighia emarginata*



**Dwarf Powderpuff**  
*Calliandra spp.*

It's not the flowers of the caladiums, but the wildly colorful leaves emerging from underground bulbs that will catch your eye!

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**Desert Rose**  
*Adenium obesum*

Desert Rose is native to the Sahel region of Africa. Look for it in the succulent garden and near the Main House.



**Calabash Tree, Roxburgh Fig**  
*Crescentia cujete, Ficus auriculata*

Both the calabash tree (left) and the Roxburgh fig (right) flower and fruit right on the trunk! A fig is actually an inverted flower that blooms on the *inside* of the fleshy pod.



**Dynamite Tree**  
*Hura crepitans*

The dynamite tree south of the parking lot grows fruit that explodes when ripe, scattering the seeds over a great distance.

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**Fishtail Palm**  
*Caryota spp.*



**Uncarina**  
*Uncarina grandidieri*



**Mexican Flame Vine**  
*Pseudogynoxys chenopoides*



**Orange River Crinum**  
*Crinum bulbispermum*



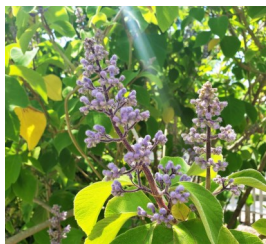
**Yellow Elder**  
*Tecoma stans*



**Bush Allamanda**  
*Allamanda schottii*



**Wood Shaving Plant**  
*Strophanthus boivinii*



**Tree Lilac**  
*Cornutia grandiflora*

The flowers shown above are blooming on the east side of McGregor Boulevard around the Lab and Museum area.

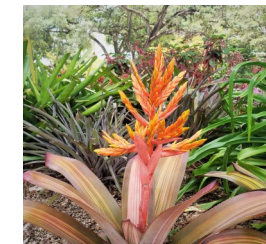
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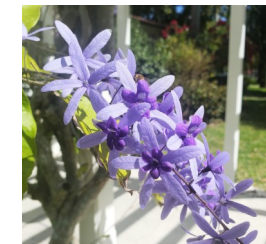
Crown of thorns (*Euphorbia milii*) are being cultivated in the research gardens located south of Edison's rubber research lab.



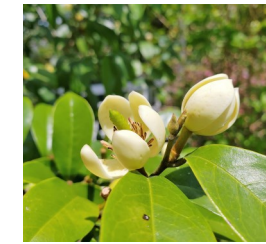
Three varieties of firebush (*Hamelia spp.*) are blooming on the property this month. The plant on the right has redder flowers and larger leaves than the one in the middle, and it's believed to be the Florida native version.



**Bromeliad**  
*Bromeliad 'Patricia's secret'*



**Queen's Wreath**  
*Petrea volubilis*



**Banana Shrub**  
*Magnolia figo*



**Pink Shower Tree**  
*Cassia bakeriana*

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**Asian Snow**  
*Wrightia antidysenterica*



**Magnolia "Little Gem"**  
*Magnolia grandiflora*



**Frangipani**  
*Plumeria spp.*



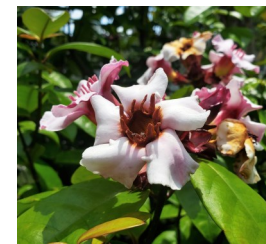
**Ylang Ylang**  
*Cananga odorata*



**Geiger Tree**  
*Cordia sebestena*



**Fountain Clerodendrum**  
*Clerodendrum minahassae*



**Rose Allamanda**  
*Strophanthus gratus*



**Star Jasmine**  
*Jasminum nitidum*

The plants pictured above are growing in the northeast portion of the property and near the Edison Caretaker's House.