

What's Blooming—September 2021



All palm trees make flowers, and some, like the coconut palm, even make edible fruit! Many species of palm are flowering this month throughout The Estates.



These are not palm flowers, but rather orchids attached to the palm trunks by our garden staff—just like Mina Edison used to do!



Orchid

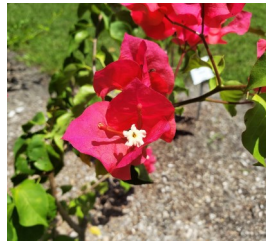


Ixora
Ixora coccinea

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Blue Pea Vine
Clitoria ternatea



Bougainvillea
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Firebush
Hamelia patens



Yellow Cestrum
Cestrum aurantiacum



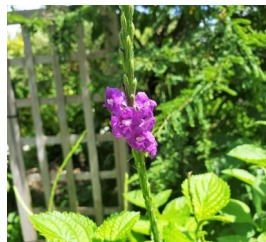
Lucky Nut Tree
Thevetia peruviana



King's Mantle
Thunbergia grandiflora



Tropical Dogwood
Mussaenda spp.



Blue Porterweed
Stachytarpheta jamaicensis

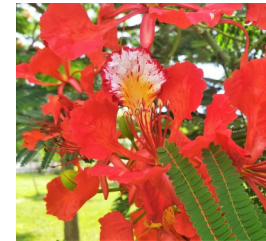
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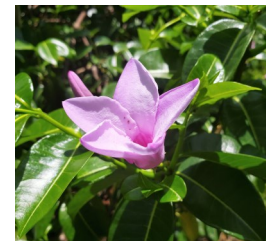
Fiddlewood (*Citharexylum spinosum*), **wild coffee** (*Psychotria nervosa*), and **beautyberry** (*Callicarpa americana*) are all native Florida plants!



Queen Crape Myrtle
Lagerstroemia speciosa



Royal Poinciana
Delonix regia



Rubber Vine
Cryptostegia madagascariensis



Candlestick Senna
Senna alata

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Natal Plum
Carrisamacrocarpa



Bridal Bouquet
Plumeria pudica



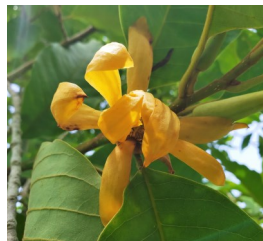
Blue Plumbago
Plumbago auriculata



Cannonball Tree
Couroupita guianensis



Parakeet Flower
Heliconia psittacorum



Golden Champaca
Michelia champaca



Spider Lily
Hymenocallis latifolia



Pink Orchid Tree
Bauhinia monandra



Lots of visitors ask us what are the ball-shaped plants hanging from the tree branches? They are called staghorn ferns (*Platynerium spp.*), and they are air plants. The green leaves do photosynthesis and the brown leaves protect the root system.



Allamanda (*Allamanda cathartica*) has big, bold flowers, and is one of the most reliable bloomers during the summer months. Look for the pink 'cherries jubilee' covering a trellis near the Guest House.



Blue Butterfly
Clerodendrum udgandense



Brazilian Cloak
Megaskepasma erythrorachlamys



Brazilian Rain Tree
Pithecellobium tortum



Canna Lily
Canna spp.



Crape Myrtle
Lagerstroemia indica



Coleus
Coleus spp.

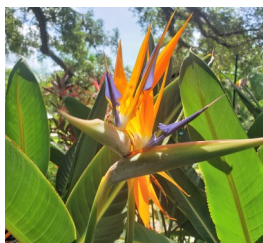


Ornamental Ginger
Costus spp.



Ironwood Tree
Caesalpinia ferrea

There are over 3500 different species of bromeliad, and nearly all of them are native to the tropical Americas. The most famous members of the bromeliad family are Spanish moss and pineapples! The Estates has a big collection of these amazing plants in the Research Garden near the US 41 exit.



Bird of Paradise
Strelitzia reginae



Hibiscus
Hibiscus spp.