

What's Blooming—July 2022



HIBISCUS

Hibiscus is the state flower of Hawaii. You'll find many varieties blooming this July. Since the Victorian era they have symbolized delicate beauty, and yellow hibiscus flowers are associated with fortune and good luck!



Princess Flower
Tibouchina sp.



Asian Snow
Wrightia antidysenterica

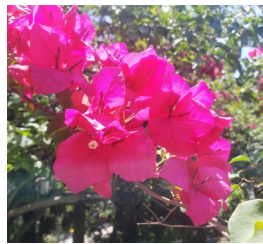


Queen Crape Myrtle
Lagerstroemia speciosa



Blackberry Lily
Iris domestica

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Bougainvillea
Bougainvillea glabra



Bridal Bouquet
Plumeria pudica



Cat's Whisker
Orthosiphon aristatus



Asian Snow
Wrightia antidysenterica



MANGO
Mangifera indica

Florida is the number one producer of mangoes in the US, and South Florida has the perfect climate for these tasty fruits. Henry Ford's winter home is named "The Mangoes," and this month you may be able to snag a fresh one in the gift shop!

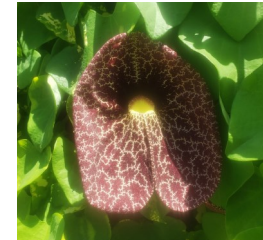
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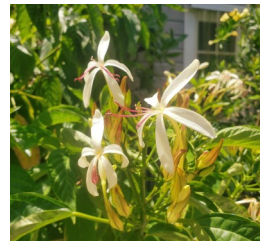
Watch out for falling figs! The Mysore fig (*Ficus mysorensis*) by the Ford House and lofty figs (*Ficus altissima*) near The Lab are fruiting now.



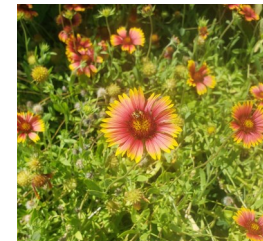
Crape Myrtle
Lagerstroemia indica



Dutchman's Pipe
Aristolochia macrophylla



Fountain Clerodendrum
Clerodendrum minahassae



Blanket Flower
Gaillardia spp.



Gardenia
Gardenia jasminoides



Geiger Tree
Cordia sebestena

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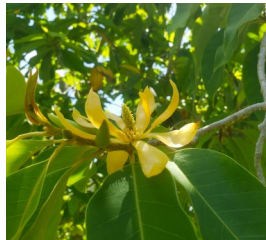
Blue Plumbago
Plumbago auriculata



Florida is the number grower of caladiums in the country. Approximately 98% of caladium “bulbs” are from Lake Placid, Florida!



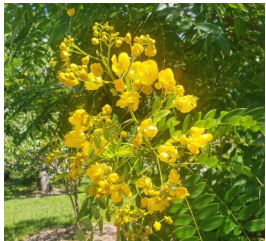
Giant Milkweed
Calotropis gigantea



Golden Champaca
Magnolia champaca



Heliconia
Heliconia spp.



Indian Mallow
Abutilon chitendenii

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Tree Bougainvillea
Bougainvillea arborea



Lipstick Plant
Bixa orellana



Loquat
Eriobotria japonica

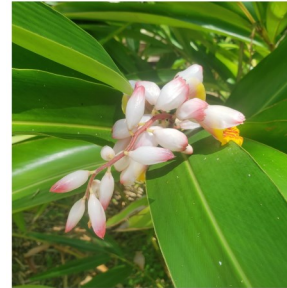


Rubber Vine
Cryptostegia sp.

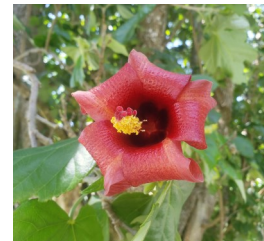


Coleus plants appeared in American gardens in the 1800s, and were popular during the Victorian era for their brightly colored leaves. They need fertile, well-draining soil and partial shade. These specimens are growing between the Moonlight Garden and Caretaker’s House.

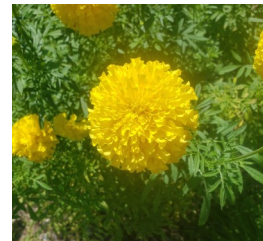
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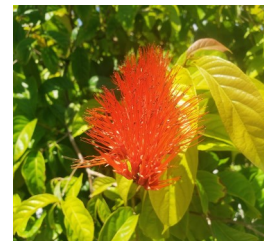
Ornamental gingers are low-maintenance plants with attractive foliage and long-lasting, colorful blooms. They love heat and humidity, and you can find some interesting ones north of the Security Station.



Mahoe Tree
Talipariti elatum



Marigold
Tagetes spp.



Monkey Brush
Combretum constrictum



Morning Glory Bush
Ipomoea carnea

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Salvia
Salvia spp.



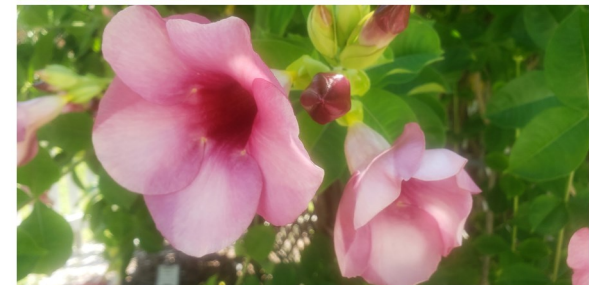
Pentas
Pentas lanceolata



Frangipani
Plumeria spp.



Dwarf Powderpuff
Calliandra haematocephala



Thomas Edison examined latex in the sap of allamanda vines (*Allamanda cathartica*) in his Ft. Myers lab in his search for an American source of natural rubber. Look for the pink variety near the Edison Guest House.