

What's Blooming—September 2022

Wild Tamarind



Lysiloma latisiliquum
This “garden gem” found on the Ford property is the larval host plant for the orange sulfur, mimosa yellow, and Cassius blue butterflies!



Chenille Plant
Acalypha hispida



Ylang Ylang
Cananga odorata



Night-Blooming Cactus
Hylocereus spp.



Bottlebrush Tree
Callistemon spp.



Butterfly Plants

September is a great month for butterflies as a lot of their favorite flowers are blooming!



Butterfly Pentas
Pentas lanceolata



Powderpuff
Calliandra spp.



Giant Milkweed
Calotropis gigantea



Firebush
Hamelia patens



Blue Butterfly
Clerodendrum ugandense



Yellow Cestrum
Cestrum aurantiacum



Porterweed
Stachytarpheta jamaicensis



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Fiddlewood
Citharexylum spinosum

Wild Coffee
Psychotria nervosa

Florida native plants fiddlewood, wild coffee, and American beautyberry (*center*) *Callicarpa americana* are blooming and fruiting this month.



Blue sky vine (*Thunbergia grandiflora*) adorns the trellis across the Larchmont Avenue entrance to the museum and garden shoppe.



Monkey Brush Vine
Combretum rotundifolium



Periwinkle
Vinca sp.

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You'll find white poinciana (*Delonix elata*) blooming on the east side of the property near the overflow parking. Like its cousin the royal poinciana this flower has five petals with one extra colorful one called the flag petal.



Bromeliads (pronounced bro—me—lee—ad) of all shapes and colors are flowering this month. You can find these plants - all native to the tropical Americas - throughout the property, but they are especially plentiful in the new Research Gardens near the Marlyn Road entrance. Did you know that the pineapple is a bromeliad, and that when it was first introduced to Europe they sold for the equivalent of \$1000s of dollars?

Funky Fruits

Pictured below are some of the more unusual fruiting plants currently active at the Estates.



Calabash
Crescentia cujete



Cannonball Tree
Courouptia guianensis



Starfruit
Averrhoa carambola



Natal Plum
Carissa macrocarpa



Dynamite Tree
Hura crepitans



Banana
Musa spp.



Mango Tree
Mangifera indica



Avocado Tree
Persea americana



Red cassia (*Cassia roxburghii*) is one of two "shower trees" located near the Main House.



Allmanda
Allamanda cathartica



Ditabark Tree
Alstonia scholaris



Blue Pea Vine
Clitoria ternatea



Angel's Trumpet
Brugmansia spp.



Queen's Crape Myrtle
Lagerstroemia speciosa



Tropical Lilac
Cornutia grandiflora



Spider Lily
Hymenocallis spp.



Orange Ixora
Ixora coccinea



King's Mantle
Thunbergia erecta



Chalice Vine
Solandra maxima



#1



#2



Instead of seeing the bird-of-paradise flower (*Strelitzia reginae*) as the bird in picture #1, try seeing it as the bird in picture #2. Of course, it's like staring at clouds; there is no "correct answer," and the long flower stalk *does* look like a slender bird's neck. You be the judge!