

What's Blooming—January 2023

Pollinators Return!

Close to 15% of the nation's bees were in Hurricane Ian's path. As flowers return to the garden this critical species can begin to recover. All the flowers pictured below had bees on them when the photos were taken.



Tropical Hydrangea
Dombeya walichii



Blanket Flower
Gaillardia pulchella



Manaus Beauty
Centratherum punctatum



Bush Daisy
Euryops pectinatus



Desert Rose
Adenium obesum

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



Chalice Vine
Solandra maxima



Crown of Thorns
Euphorbia milii



Bleeding Heart Vine
Clerodendrum thomsoniae



Jatropa
Jatropha integrerrima



Blue Plumbago
Plumbago auriculata



Blue Sky Vine
Thunbergia grandiflora



Panama Rose
Rondeletia stigosa

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Light Bulb Clerodendrum
(Clerodendrum smithianum) is beginning to bloom just outside of the Moonlight Garden. The flowers look like little light bulbs right before they open.



Hong Kong Orchid
Hong Kong orchid trees (*Bauhinia blakeana*) send out a shoot called a raceme that starts blooming at the base and makes new flowers as the shoot grows.



Crinum Lily
Crinum asiaticum



Queen Emma Lily
Crinum augustum

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Bougainvillea

Jim Hendry Jr.'s Everglades Nursery was incorporated in 1909 just up the road from Thomas Edison's winter estate. The Hendrys specialized in growing bougainvillea, and the inventor was known to have purchased at least one of almost every cultivar.



Traveler's Tree
Ravenala madagascariensis



Double Hibiscus
Hibiscus spp.



Orchids
Cattleya sp.



Morning Glory Bush
Ipomoea carnea

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Flame Vine and Firebush

Mexican flame vine (*Pseudogynoxys chenopodioides*, top left) is attracting butterflies near the statue of Mina Edison. Firebush (*Hamelia patens*) and Jamaican firebush (*Hamelia cuprea*) are blooming nearby.



Bromeliads

Bromeliads are an interesting family of plants. Bromeliads sometimes go unnoticed until they suddenly erupt, producing some of the most colorful and intricate flowers in the botanical world. They bloom only once before the mother plants dies. She is replaced by her "pups" that grow up from the roots. There is a nice collection of bromeliads blooming in the Research Gardens near the East Gate.

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Seminole Dombeya
Dombeya x Seminole



Red Ixora
Ixora coccinea



Powderpuff
Calliandra haematocephala



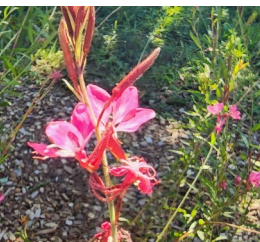
Pink Orchid Tree
Bauhinia monandra



Pagoda Flower
Clerodendrum paniculatum



Rose Allamanda
Strophantus gratus



Butterfly Guara
Guara lindheimeri



Rubber Vine
Cryptostegia madagascariensis

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Banyan Tree

The giant banyan tree (*Ficus benghalensis*) by museum entrance survived the hurricane despite ficus being known for having shallow roots. It lost all its leaves, but not only has it greened up again, it's even making figs!



Coconut Palms

Like the banyan tree and Mysore fig, coconut palm trees (*Cocos nucifera*) also weathered the storm, some even with coconuts intact!

