

Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow
(Brunfelsia grandiflora)

As October fades into November, the "yesterday, today, and tomorrow plant" will take center stage between the main house and guest house of Seminole Lodge. These flowers stay on the bush as they fade, resulting in a dazzling array of different shades of purple.



Queen's Wreath
Petrea volubilis



Bromeliad

Bromeliad spp.

Banana ShrubBougainvilleaMagnolia figoBougainvillea glabra



Fountain Clerodendrum Clerodendrum minahassae



Brazilian Cloak Megaskepasma erythrochlamys



Crape Myrtle *Lagerstroemia indica*



Chalice Vine Solandra maxima



Tropical Dogwood

(Mussaenda philippica)

Tropical dogwood is not related to the dogwood trees they are sometimes compared to. This is a tropical plant in the coffee family native to the Philippines. It comes in three different colors, but the flower is always orange. The colorful parts are actually elongated calyx lobes.



Calabash Tree

(Crescentia cujete)

Calabash is native to Central and South America and is remarkable for fruiting and flowering directly on the trunk and branches. The large, gourd-like fruits are hard and historically fashioned into cups, bowls, and canteens. Look for our calabash along the river walk.



Powderpuff *Haematocephala spp.*



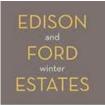
Crinum Lily Crinum spp.



Red Orchid Tree Bauhinia galpinii



Night-Blooming Cactus Hylocereus spp.



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What's Blooming



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Cannonball Tree

(Couroupita guianensis)

Cannonball tree has impressive, hooded flowers with a fragrance like French perfume. These are borne on long stems that cover the trunk, and the fruits are the size and shape of cannonballs. This tree is sacred to both Hindus and Buddhists, and you can find it blooming near the security station.



Crape Jasmine Tabernaemontana divaricata



Blackberry Lily Iris domestica



Geiger Tree Cordia sebestena



Ixora Ixora coccinea



Firebush Hamelia patens



Giant Milkweed Calotropis gigantea



Chenille Plant Acalypha spp.



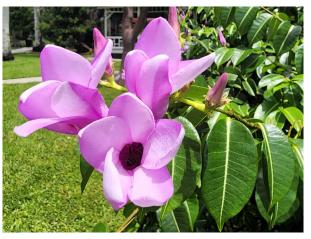
Siamese Myrtle Lagerstroemia siamica



Monkey Brush Vine

(Combretum rotundifolium)

From the jungles of South America comes the monkey brush vine with its long, red flower spikes from which bright orange stamens emerge. This inflorescence looks like a flaming brush, and it is full of nectar for bees and butterflies. Look for monkey brush vine east of the museum.



Madagascar Rubber Vine

(Cryptostegia madagascariensis) In addition to producing copious elegant purple flowers, the Madagascar rubber vine was among the most promising rubber plants studied by Edison in his Ft. Myers laboratory. In all, the inventor tested more than 17,000 botanical specimens at his Florida estate.



Goldenrod Solidago spp.



Calabash Tree Crescentia cujete



Firespike Odontonema strictum



Crown of Thorns Euphorbia milii



Hibiscus Hibiscus spp.



Blue Plumbago Plumbago auriculata



Heliconia Heliconia spp.



Bridal Bouquet Plumeria pudica



Banana Plant

(Musa spp.)

Banana plants do not have woody trunks but are herbaceous perennials, like giant stalks of celery coming out of the ground. Banana flowers are arranged in clusters called hands protected by large purple bracts (colored leaves).