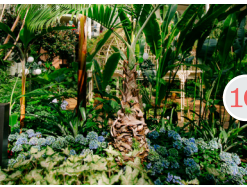




9 **Zombie Palm, *Zombia antillarum***
A rare palm native to Haiti and the Dominican Republic Island. It's said that locals have used the spiny needles in voodoo ceremonies.



10 **Bottle Palm, *Hyophorbe lagenicaulis***
Threatened with extinction, this palm is found on the Mascarene Islands of the Indian Ocean. The shape is unusual among palms with its thick, two-foot diameter trunk tapering abruptly to form a bottle-neck.



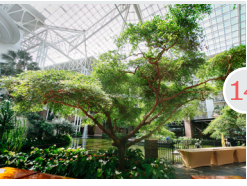
11 **Old Man Palm, *Coccothrinax crinita***
Native to Cuba, the stunning trunk is covered with thick layers of wool-like fibers. Extremely slow growing. It will take about 10 years to grow 5 inches.



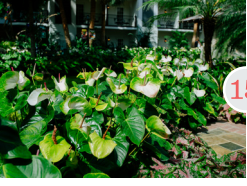
12 **Bromeliads, *Bromeliaceae***
The bromeliad family is comprised of over 3,100 species, most of which grow natively in tropical America. The family is quite diverse, including air-loving epiphytes, a number of succulents, and the most widely known bromeliad, the pineapple.



13 **Papaya, *Carica papaya***
Native to lowland tropical areas of Central and South American, it is now grown worldwide for its large, sweet, melon-like fruits. It is technically a giant herbaceous plant because it never produces true woody tissue.



14 **Table Top Black Olive, *Buceras buceras***
Widely used as a shade tree in South Florida but native to West Indies. Does not produce edible olives, only small, black seed capsules.



15 **White Heart, Flamingo Flower, *Anthurium andraeanum***
Grown for their brightly colored bracts, or modified flowers, their real flowers are the spike that grows from the bract. It's one of the most popular tropical cut flowers for their long vase life.



16 **Sabal Palm, Cabbage Palm, *Sabal palmetto***
Occur as far north as North Carolina. Grows mostly in low, swampy areas along streams and rivers. In the past, the leaves were cut for brooms and brush fibers, and the growing terminal was harvested for Heart of Palms.

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Rattlesnake Plant, *Calathea lancifolia*

Native to Brazil, its name derives from its lance-shaped foliage. The leaves will fold upwards slightly at nighttime to prevent water loss. In the morning, the leaves will reopen.



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Ruffled Fan Palm, *Licuala peltata var. sumawongii*

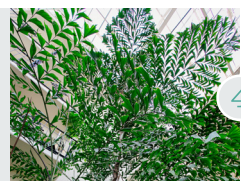
It is a moderately sized palm with usually a short trunk, and its crown holds as many as 15 huge, flat, undivided fan leaves up to seven feet in diameter.



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Grandleaf Seagrape, *Coccoloba pubescens*

Native to coastal regions of the Caribbean. A medium size tree growing to 70 feet tall, the leaves are globular in size that can reach a diameter of 20 inches.



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Fishtail Palm, *Caryota mitis*

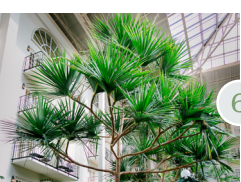
Native to Southeast Asia, it is one of the few clustering species in this genus. The light green leaflets are shaped like a fish's tail fin, hence the common name.



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Cycads

Cycads are known to have lived in the Permian era, over 200 million years ago—even before dinosaurs roamed the earth. Despite the palm-like foliage, Cycads have no flowers or fruits, and their naked seeds develop within cones just like a conifer.



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Screw Pines, *Pandanus utilis*

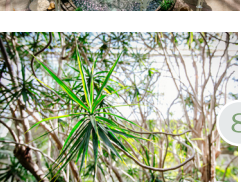
This Madagascar native has numerous aerial stilt roots that help support the large canopy of the tree. Almost every part of the Pandanus is used either for housing, food, medication, fishing and religious uses.



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Paperflower, *Bougainvillea*

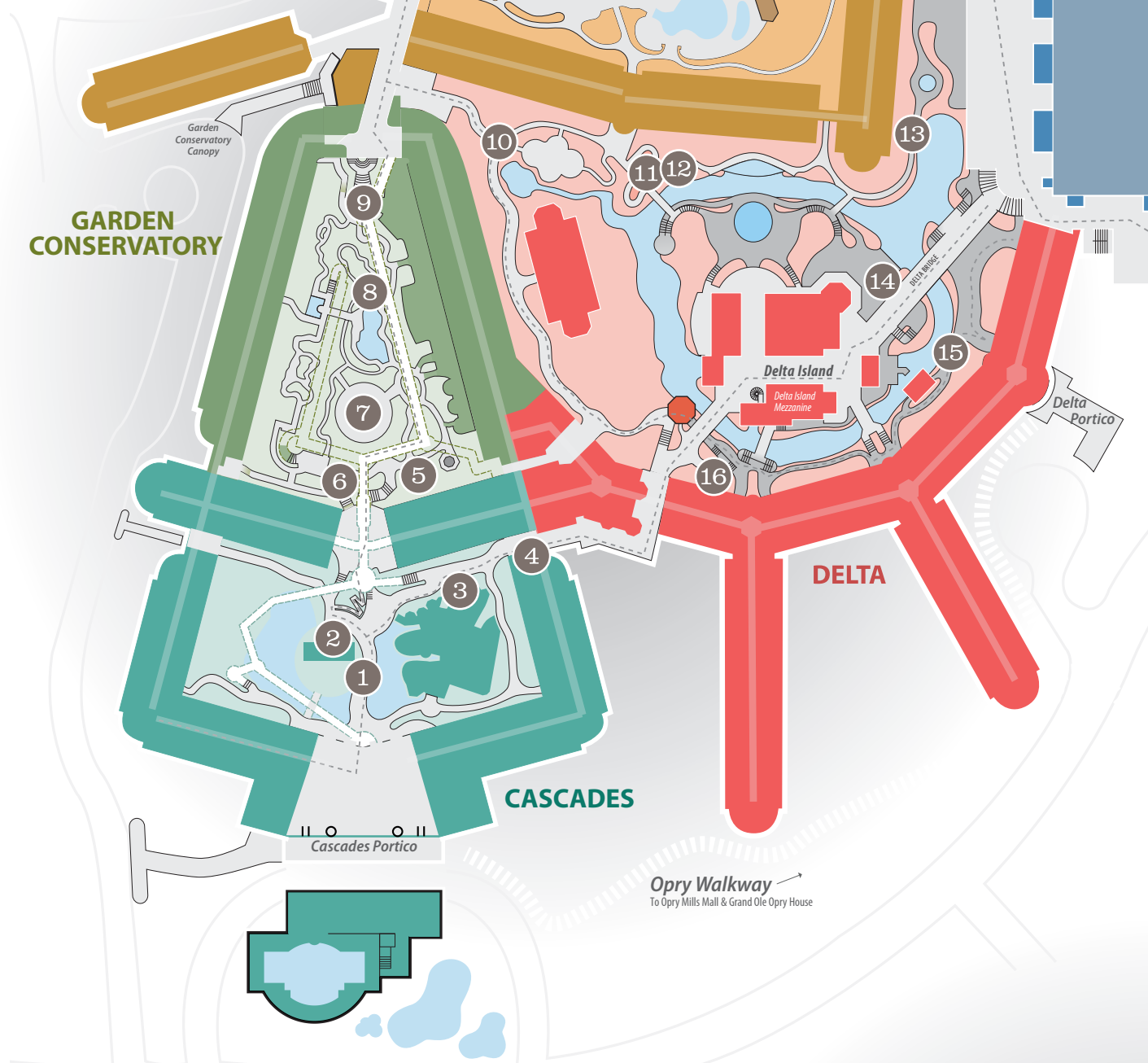
Bougainvillea's natural habitat is equatorial where day and night lengths are almost equal. In these areas they bloom year around, but in North America, the best flowering occurs in the spring and fall.



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Dragon Tree, *Dracaena marginata*

In its native habitat of Madagascar, this species grows as a shrub or a small tree (20 feet) but is typically grown as a small house plant. Fragrant tiny white flowers in spring are followed by spherical yellow-orange berries.



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