

LATIN AND SOUTH AMERICAN FLOWER SCAVENGER HUNT

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The Missouri Botanical Garden features many Latin and South American flowers in its living collection. Take time in the Climatron to find and learn about them!



Cacao
(Theobroma cacao)

- Native to Central and South America
- Cultivated around the world in humid, lowland tropical areas including Mexico, Africa and Asia
- Source of cocoa powder, chocolate, cocoa butter



Jaboticaba
(Plinia cauliflora)

- Native to Brazil
- Flowers and fruits directly on the bark (Cauliflory).
- Fruit is edible, with a dark purple skin, and a grape-like textured interior



Vanilla
(Vanilla phaeantha)

- Native to Central America (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Panama), the Caribbean, Mexico and Florida
- Many people don't realize that vanilla is an orchid
- Edmond Albius, who was enslaved, is credited with figuring out how to hand pollinate vanilla, which allowed it to be grown outside its native range



Brugmansia
(Brugmansia versicolor 'Ecuador Pink')

- Native to Ecuador
- Also known as "angel's trumpet"
- All parts of the plant are poisonous if ingested and is known for its hallucinogenic properties. However, it is used by indigenous cultures in traditional medicine and rituals.



Cycad

(Dioon edule & Dioon spinulosum)

- Native to Mexico
- Leaves are stiff and upright, light green in color.



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Stromanthe

(Stromanthe sanguinea)

- Native to Brazil
- A member of the prayer plant family, it's leaves fold together at night resembling praying hands
- Can be grown as a houseplant or as an annual outdoors in the Midwest



Zebra plant

(Calathea zebrina)

- Native to Brazil
- Its natural habitat has conditioned it to survive periods of drought, making it an exceptionally resilient houseplant



Costus

(Costus osae)

- Native to Costa Rica, Columbia
- It has velvety leaves arranged in a spiral towards the tip of its shoot, resembling a spiral staircase.



Fiery costus

(Chamaecostus cuspidatus)

- Native to Brazil
- The undersides of these large, smooth, dark green leaves have light purple shade



False bird of paradise

(Heliconia rostrata)

- Native to Mexico, Puerto Rico and Western South America (Bolivia, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru)
- This plant can grow up to six feet tall, and it can spread up to six feet wide