Use this bloom guide to help you navigate through what is currently in bloom! VanDusen Botanical Garden is home to 7,500 taxa (unique species and varieties) arranged in 50 distinct collections. From fragrant to edible plants, you will discover a diverse range of collections during your visit. Some collections feature plants that are closely related, while others include varieties from specific regions or habitats. Here we highlight just a few of the plants that are of particular interest today. Enjoy!

The bloom map will help you find these plants during your garden visit.

Map Numbers:

1 Bald cypress: A grove of deciduous conifers that put on a colourful fall display of rusty orange needles before they are shed.

2 Japanese Maples: A stunning display of red, purple, orange and yellow foliage reflected in the water along the northwest bank of Heron Lake.

3 Water lilies: Elegant pink and white water lilies with green lily pads float on the surface of our lakes and ponds.

4 Heather Garden: A collection of white, pink and purple heaths and heathers with a selection of dwarf conifers.

5 BC Habitat Garden: A forest of native trees, ferns, flowering perennials and shrubs that support wildlife with food, shelter and nesting habitat, while showcasing the beauty of our native plants.

6 Black Garden: An eye-catching collection of dark foliage and blooms contrasted with vibrant chartreuse and pink.

7 Ornamental Grasses: A sea of green, gray, gold and burgundy grasses with feathery blooms.

8 Backyard Bird Garden: A collection of backyard and patio-friendly flowers that attract bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and songbirds.

9 Japanese Collection: A selection of trees, shrubs and flowering perennials native to or grown in Japan.

10 Alma VanDusen Garden: A mass planting of bright yellow sunflowers.
This guide is a reflection of blooms that typically occur during the month of September. Depending on seasonal weather patterns, some featured plants may not be in bloom during your visit today.