This guide is a reflection of blooms that typically occur during the month of October. Depending on seasonal weather patterns, some featured plants may not be in bloom during your visit today.
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 Autumn Stroll: an avenue of fall colour lined with ash, oak and maple trees.
2 Bald cypress: a grove of deciduous conifers that put on a colourful fall display of rusty orange needles before they are shed.
3 Ginkgoes: the fan-shaped leaves turn golden yellow before scattering to the ground.
4 Strawberry tree: these trees fruit and flower at the same time each fall, with round red, strawberry-like fruits and clusters of tiny white flowers.
5 Japanese maples: a stunning display of red, purple, orange and yellow foliage reflected in the water along the northwest bank of Heron Lake.
6 Ornamental Grasses: wind your way through a sea of green, gray, gold and burgundy grasses with soft feathery blooms.
7 Lathhouse: a traditional open wooden shade structure covered in wisteria in spring and flame-red Virginia creeper in fall.
8 Sugar maples: a sun-dappled grove of trees famous for their sweet sap which is made into maple syrup and their softly-hued fall foliage.
9 Beautyberry: this forest path is edged with tall beautyberry shrubs covered in vibrant purple berries.
10 Dead man’s fingers: this tree is named for its fleshy, gnarled, bright blue seed pods.