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 featured plant collections 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.

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1. Rhododendron: The rainy Pacific Northwest is one of the best places to grow rhododendrons and azaleas, and VanDusen is home to over 650 different species and varieties. Mostly evergreen, these shrubs have clusters of trumpet-shaped flowers in nearly every size and colour imaginable. Some are even scented!

2. Formal Rose Garden: A selection of hybrid tea, floribunda and shrub roses bordered by boxwood hedges in a classic parterre or patterned design in the shape of a butterfly.

3. Heritage Rose Garden: A richly fragrant collection of heritage roses, representing our fascination with the rose throughout recorded history. Here you will find a damask rose cultivated for more than 2,000 years, a rose that resembles Napoléon Bonaparte’s famous hat and the charmingly fuzzy moss roses.

4. Backyard Bird Garden: A collection of colourful backyard- and patio-friendly plants that provide food, shelter and nesting habitat for hummingbirds and songbirds.

5. Phyllis Bentall Garden & kousa dogwoods: Bright pink flowers pack these dogwood trees so tightly it is hard to see the leaves!

6. Perennial nasturtium (Tropaeolum polyphyllum): A creeping vine from the Andes, with gray-green leaves on trailing stems and golden yellow flowers.

7. 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.

8. Primulas: Masses of primulas, or primroses, brighten the forest understory with their amber and crimson blooms along this path winding through the Sino-Himalayan Garden.

9. Meconopsis: These rare, sky-blue poppies grow high in the Himalayas and are prized by gardeners in temperate parts of the world.

10. Alma VanDusen Garden: Wander through a magical path among towering bright blue delphiniums in this stunning seasonal display.
This guide is a reflection of blooms that typically occur during the month of June. Depending on seasonal weather patterns, some featured plants may not be in bloom during your visit today.