

VANDUSEN GARDEN MAY BLOOM GUIDE

Use this bloom guide to help you find what is currently in bloom! **VanDusen Botanical Garden is home to 7,500 taxa (unique species and varieties) in 70 curated collections.** Discover intensely fragrant flowers, edible and medicinal plants, rare and endangered species, and many more botanical treasures. Some collections feature plants that are closely related, while others include plants from specific regions or habitats. Here we highlight just a few of the plants that are of interest today. Enjoy!

Use the bloom map to find these plants during your garden visit.

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1 Eastern North America Collection: An eastern woodland of maples, oaks, ashes and birch trees with an understory of fragrant azaleas, mayapple, ostrich fern and Solomon's seal.



2 Korean spice viburnum (*Viburnum carlesii* 'Compactum'): A charming, compact shrub with snowball-shaped flower clusters that give off an intoxicating fragrance.



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



4 Star magnolia (*Magnolia* 'Pinkie'): The flowers of this small magnolia shed their fuzzy, protective bud scales in early spring and unfurl pink, spoon-shaped tepals. Magnolias have an ancient flower structure with tepals instead of separate petals and sepals.



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



6 Tree Peonies: Woody peonies with giant show-stopping blooms in pink, purple, red or white. Beautiful in your garden or as cut flowers, peonies have been cultivated for over a thousand years for use in Chinese medicine.



7 Cobra lily (*Arisaema*): These perennials have flowers that look like a cobra ready to strike and all parts of the plant are poisonous. Be sure to peek under the leaves to find the hidden flowers - they are well camouflaged!



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

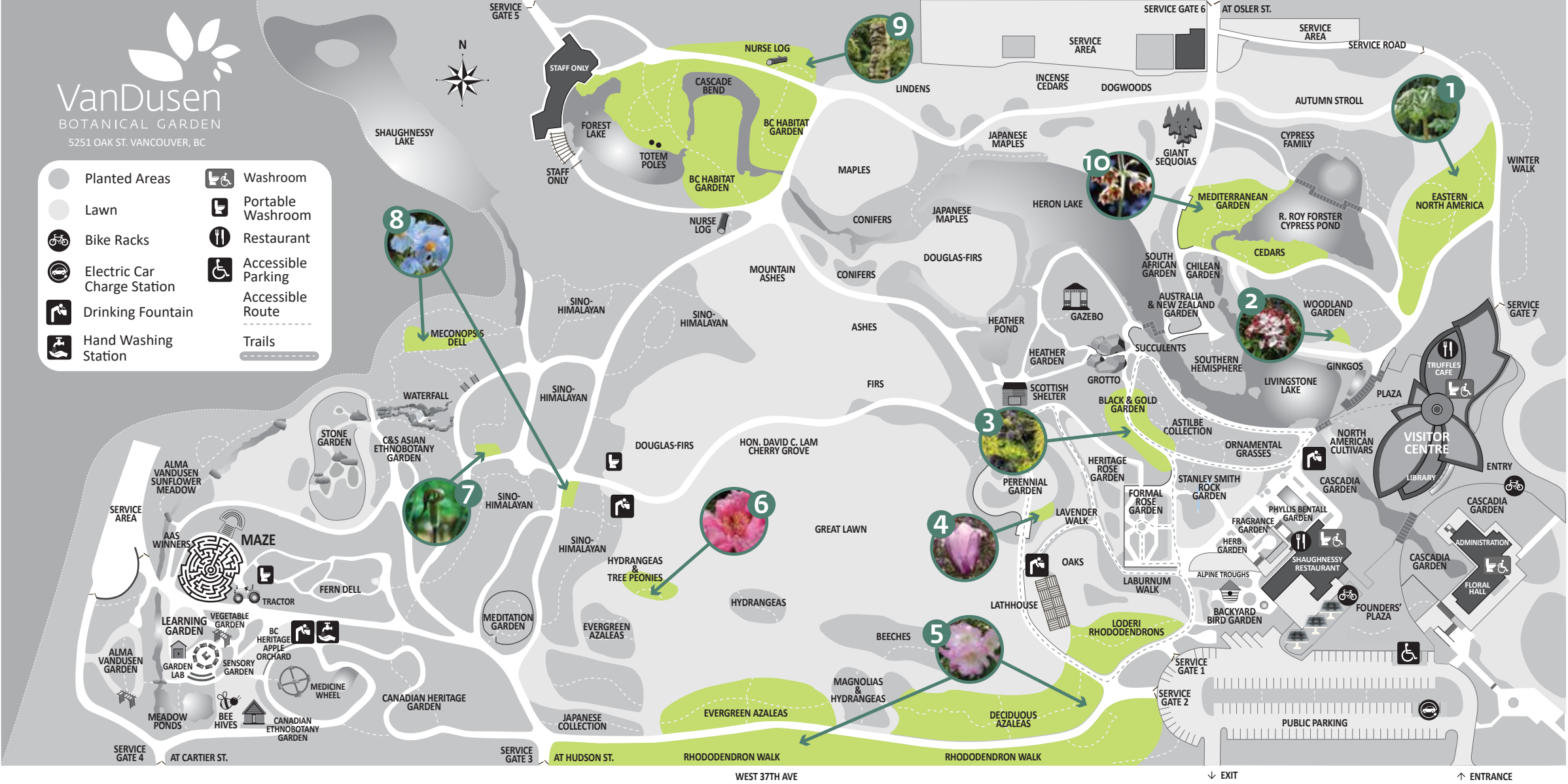


9 BC Habitat Garden: A forest of native trees, ferns, flowering perennials and shrubs that support wildlife with food, shelter and nesting habitat, while showcasing the beauty of our native plants.



10 Mediterranean Garden: A collection of flowering bulbs, herbs and shrubs from the Mediterranean planted beneath a canopy of blue Atlas cedars.





This guide is a reflection of blooms and garden highlights that typically occur during the month of May. Depending on seasonal weather patterns, some featured plants may not be in bloom during your visit today.