

# VANDUSEN GARDEN DECEMBER 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.

## Map Numbers:

- 1 Winter Walk
- 2 Giant redwoods
- 3 BC Habitat Garden
- 4 Cutleaf staghorn sumac
- 5 Beautyberry
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- 7 Fern Dell
- 8 Maze
- 9 Autumn camellia
- 10 *Sorbus pseudohupehensis*



**1 Winter Walk:** Bright red berries of holly and mountain ash, flame coloured dogwood stems and icy stalks of whitewash bramble light up this winter garden.



**2 Giant redwoods:** Just 50 years old, these trees are already small giants. The world's largest tree by volume, *Sequoiadendron giganteum* can live for 3,500 years and grow to over 80 meters tall!



**3 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.



**4 Cutleaf staghorn sumac:** Are those reindeer hiding in the garden? In winter, the bare curved velvety branches of this shrub look just like the horns of a young male deer!



**5 Beautyberry:** Along this shady forest path, clusters of jewel-toned purple berries light up the bare branches of these tall graceful shrubs.



**6 Meditation Garden:** This quiet, minimalist garden of stone, moss and trees is the perfect place for a contemplative rest.



**7 Fern Dell:** A shady, peaceful grove of Douglas-fir trees, along with trees and shrubs from East Asia and an understory of feathery ferns from around the world.



**8 Maze:** Our hedge maze is made up of over 2,000 pyramidal cedars and is fun to explore! It is especially beautiful with a light dusting of frost or snow.



**9 Autumn camellia (*Camellia sasanqua* 'Setsugekka'):** An autumn blooming camellia. The scented flowers have ruffled white petals and bright yellow stamens.

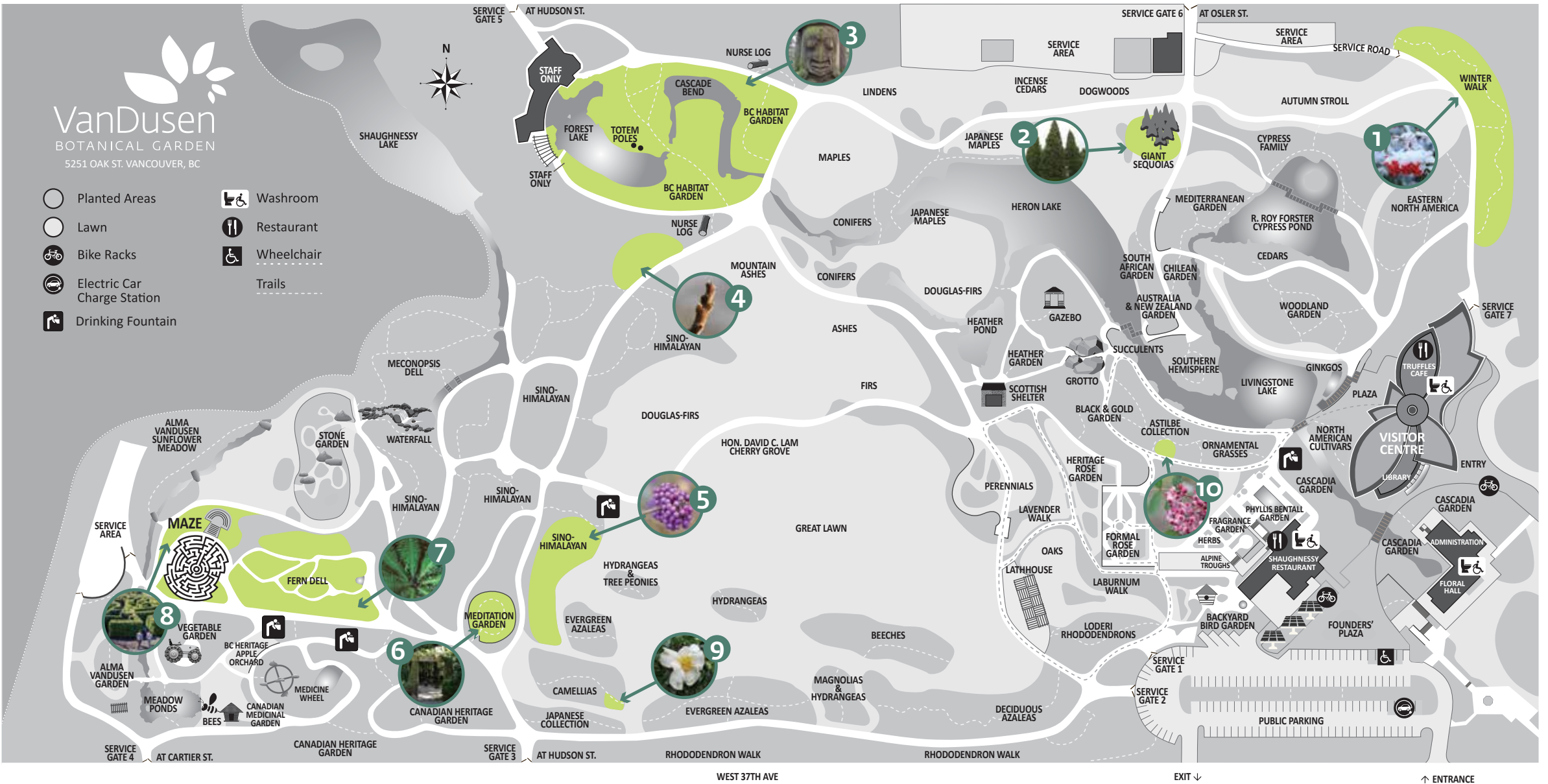


**10 *Sorbus pseudohupehensis* (formerly known as *Sorbus hupehensis* 'Pink Pagoda'):** Clusters of candy-coloured pink berries decorate this mountain ash.



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- Planted Areas
- Lawn
- Bike Racks
- Electric Car Charge Station
- Drinking Fountain
- Washroom
- Restaurant
- Wheelchair
- Trails



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