Welcome to the Living Theatre of Plants and People. Come and meet some of our favourite plants.

Some of the plants described are seasonal so you may not spot all of them today. Another reason to come back in a different season.

To link exhibit numbers to locations please refer to site maps or guidebook. Many of the plants described are available in our shop or online. edenproject.com/shop/garden-plants.aspx

Rainforest Biome: **Rainforest plants that make good house plants**

- **Coffee.** *Coffeea arabica*. Find it next to the bamboo house. (R.19). Try growing your own.
- **Hibiscus.** *Hibiscus rosa sinensis*. Rose mallow (by name and by look) in S.E. Asia area (R.03). *Hibiscus schizopetalus*. The shaggy version with curved back petals. In West Africa (R.04).
- **Sensitive plant.** *Mimosa pudica*. Moves when touched, treat it gently. Near the fruit area (R.14).

R.05: **Rainforest Walkway tall tree tales**

- **Njiangsa.** *Ricinodendron heudelotii*. The very tall ones. Fast growing so no good for timber. Fruit kernels give nutty flavour to soups and stews.
- **Safou.** *Dacryodes edulis*. Has large purple fruits, rich in oil.
- **African Greenheart.** *Piptadeniastrum africanum*. Huge timber tree used to make boats.

Walk amongst the trees to find loads more tales up on the Walkway.

Mediterranean Biome: **Conservatory plants for your place**

Got a warm sunny spot in your garden or home? Try these. Bring them indoors in winter.

- Check out the succulents: *Echeveria, Kalanchoe, Aloe, Pachyphytum*… They make great pot plants especially when interspersed with something bright like red trailing geraniums. Most valuable is that all these beauties don’t need much water.
- **Olive.** *Olea europaea* (M.02/M.13). Beautiful delicate grey leaves. Great in a pot and will even grow in the ground in milder areas.
- **Grape vines.** *Vitis* spp (M.11). Grow to shade a pergola, stuff and eat the vine leaves and enjoy succulent grapes.

Mediterranean Biome: **Mediterranean fruits, vegetables and herbs**

Around the Med. Terrace café (and elsewhere in the Biome) discover a range of delicious fruits, herbs and vegetables.

- **Figs.** *Ficus carica* (Brown Turkey Fig). Grow in a container or they can get BIG.
- **Chillies and peppers:** find them (in season) in the crops section. The mild, tasty chilli peppino ibrido F1 is a favourite. Dare you try and grow a really hot one?
- **Herbs:** lavender, tarragon, oregano, mint and basil - Mediterranean taste and scent. Their oils may help the plants defend themselves from grazing animals and drought.
Outdoor Biome: **Plants for all seasons (in our mixed/herbaceous borders)**
Mixed and herbaceous borders are like year-long firework displays. Here’s some our favourites.

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| *Epimedium x warleyense*  
Heart-shaped leaves and the most delicate flowers. | *Pulmonaria ‘Weetwood Blue’*  
Bright, deep blue flowers welcome in spring. | *Narcissus ‘Thalia’*  
Fragrant, pure-white daffodil. Great as a cut flower. |
| **WINTER**  | **SUMMER**  | **AUTUMN**   |
| *Aeonium var. atropurpureum*  
Poms-poms of blue flowers follow snake-like buds. | *Zantedeschia aethiopica*  
The striking, pure white Arum lily. |
| *Rudbeckia fulgida var.deamii.*  
Black-eyed yellow daisies. | *Aster ‘Little Carlow’*  
(cordifolius hybrid). Bushy with masses of blue daisy flowers. | *Anemone hybrida*  

Outdoor Biome: **Three favourite trees**
- **Sweet Gum**, *Liquidambar styraciflua*. At the top of the site, below the Wild Cornwall exhibit. Amazing autumn colour.
- **Plane Tree**, *Platanus x hispanica*. The lovely canopy trees make up the Plane Tree Steps with their dangly earring-like seeds.

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