



Accessibility

Fairchild is fully accessible to individuals with disabilities. We offer a variety of assistive services throughout the Garden including free wheelchair rentals, shuttle service and listening devices. It is our policy to comply with all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. For accessibility information, please call 305.667.1651, ext. 3328.

Upcoming Events

Fairchild offers two- and three-day festivals throughout the year including the Chocolate, Orchid, Food and Garden, Mango and the Spring and Fall Garden festivals. We also offer more than 15 plant sales throughout the year including the historical Spring Plant and Member’s Day Plant Sales. For more information on upcoming events at Fairchild, please check with the information desk or visit our website.

Fairchild Nights

We offer a variety of evening events, including concert series, lecture series, evening events, special viewings of art exhibits and more.

Planning a wedding or party?

Fairchild’s facilities are available for private rentals such as weddings, parties and corporate events. For more information, please call 305.667.1651, ext. 3358. or visit our website.

Garden Etiquette

So that all visitors may enjoy Fairchild, please observe the following:

- Fairchild is a tobacco-free environment. Smoking is not permitted anywhere within the Garden.
- Firearms of any kind are not permitted.
- Please do not remove plants, flowers, seeds and fruits or plant labels.
- Please keep your personal items with you at all times and do not leave valuables in your vehicle. Fairchild cannot be held responsible for missing items.
- Please stay on paved or mulched pathways or on mowed lawn areas. Please do not step in plant beds.
- Please refrain from climbing trees, shrubs or artwork, walking in garden beds, wading in lakes, ponds or streams or feeding wildlife.
- Active sports such as running, biking, skating and playing ball are discouraged.
- For their safety and for the enjoyment of others, please supervise children at all times.
- Please maintain a safe distance from oncoming trams and other vehicles.
- While walking in the Garden, protect yourself from sun, bugs and dehydration.
- Shirts and shoes are required at all times.
- Certified service animals are permitted. Pets are allowed only on select days.
- Photography and video for personal use are welcome. For all other photography, see Fairchild’s Photo Policy on our website.



Fairchild is open every day

(except December 25)
from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Our mission is to save tropical plant diversity by exploring, explaining and conserving the world of tropical plants; fundamental to this task is inspiring a greater knowledge and love for plants and gardening so that all can enjoy the beauty and bounty of the tropical world.



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- TS Tram Stop
- CH Chicks
- WFS WiFi Spot
- V Vista
- ATM
- AE Automatic External Defibrillator





WHO WE ARE...

We are one of the world's premier tropical botanic gardens, renowned for our role in botany, conservation science, tropical horticulture, environmental education, landscape design and our expansive plant collection of more than 23,000 plants representing more than 3,400 species, including one of the largest collections of palms and cycads. The oldest major cultural institution in Miami-Dade County, Fairchild opened its 83 acres to the public in 1938. We are a museum, laboratory, learning and teaching center and conservation science facility, art gallery, concert hall, cultural destination, community epicenter, a fun place for kids to learn about nature as well as a place of quiet retreat.



Garden Exhibits and Collections

Our hallmark is our landscape design and the exceptional horticultural quality of our plant collections, which are maintained and curated by expert horticulturists. Garden exhibits include the Montgomery Palmetum, Simons Rainforest, Wings of the Tropics, Tropical Plant Conservatory and Rare Plant House, Whitman Tropical Fruit Pavilion, Edible Garden, Tropical Flowering Tree Arboretum, Vine Pergola Collection, Geiger Flower Garden, Loughheed Spiny Forest, Jewels of the Caribbean, Native Plant and Pine Rockland, Bamboo, and more.

Science Education and Conservation

Fairchild is a conservation- and education-based organization with a dedicated focus in the geographical areas of the tropics including the Caribbean, Indonesia, Asia, Central and South America and South Florida. Our South Florida Conservation program is a highlight of our conservation efforts and is considered among the best native plant conservation programs of any botanic garden. A cornerstone of our conservation efforts is The Million Orchid Project, which aims to reintroduce one million orchids in South Florida within five years.

Our science education efforts support the national STEM initiatives and include a comprehensive K-Graduate School Education Pipeline Program that focuses on botany. Each year, our K-12 programs, including The Fairchild Challenge, Explorer and Discovery programs, reach more than 150,000

students in Miami-Dade County alone. In 2014, Fairchild along with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and ZooMiami inaugurated BioTECH at Richmond Heights, the U.S.'s first and only botany magnet high school. Our Graduate Studies Program supports the work of master's- and doctoral-level students who conduct their science research projects right here at Fairchild. Our adult education program reaches more than 3,000 life-long learners annually.

Our History

We are named for one of the most famous plant explorers in history. Dr. David Fairchild (1869-1954) traveled the world in search of plants of potential commercial and agricultural use to the American people. He visited every continent in the world (except Antarctica), and brought back hundreds of important plants, including mangos, alfalfa, nectarines, dates, cotton, bamboos and the flowering cherry trees that grace Washington, D.C. He also created the Section of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction of the United States Department of Agriculture located two miles south of Fairchild.

Dr. Fairchild retired to Miami in 1935 and joined a group of passionate plant collectors and growers, including environmentalist Marjory Stoneman Douglas, Dade County Commissioner Charles Crandon, landscape architect William Lyman Phillips and the Garden's founder, Robert Montgomery, to bring the idea of a one-of-a-kind tropical botanic garden to life: Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.

Fairchild Today

From music and art, to flora and fauna to science education, Fairchild continues to inspire and innovate. Our important work in botanical and conservation science and environmental education reaches hundreds of thousands of students each year, more than any other environmental program in the U.S. And, our year-round festivals, classes, workshops, activities, concerts and art exhibits are sure to delight you, your family and friends.



To learn more about Fairchild, scan this code.



WHAT TO DO...

Tram Tours

Enjoy a free, narrated tour of Fairchild from one of our expert volunteer guides. Tours run approximately 45 minutes and are offered year-round. Please confirm times and availability upon your arrival. Note that on certain event days, tram tours may be suspended to ensure everyone's safety. During peak-season, tram tours run every half-hour.

Weekdays: every hour
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Weekends: every hour
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

El Tranvia en Español

Ofrecemos paseos guiados en español durante todo el año, cada domingo a las 2:30 p.m. y a las 3:30 p.m. Paseos adicionales son agregados al programa frecuentemente.

Para obtener los horarios más recientes, recomendamos consultar en el quiosco de información a su llegada.

Guided Tours

Walking tours of exhibits and collections are offered year-round. Please check any of the information locations for the current walking tour schedule.

Self-Guided Tours

We offer a number of suggested tours to help you discover the Garden's beauty. Self-guided tours of Fairchild's collections are time- and/or interest-based. Please check any of the information locations upon arrival.

See What's Blooming

Something new blooms every day at Fairchild. Be sure to check any of the information locations for the current list of blooming plants.

Fun for Kids and Families

The Garden beckons with activities for kids and families to enjoy together. Be sure to check any of the information locations for family-friendly fun!

DiMare Science Village and Hsiao Labs

Visit the DiMare Science Village to see community-based scientific research in action. The Hsiao Labs is a complex of four science spaces entirely visible to the public where interaction between visitors and scientists is encouraged. Here you can see the Million Orchid Project in various stages of growth.

Wings of the Tropics

Enjoy thousands of exotic butterflies along with fish and some of the world's most beautiful rare plants in the Wings of the Tropics exhibit within The Clinton Family Conservatory. You'll see the famous Blue Morpho, Owl, Bamboo Page and Leopard Lacewing butterflies. There are butterfly releases twice daily (release times vary, so please check with one of our volunteers). The Vollmer Metamorphosis Lab, displaying hundreds of butterfly chrysalises, is a highlight of the exhibit.

Shopping and Dining

The Glasshouse Café offers a variety of freshly made sandwiches, salads, soups, quiches, drinks and desserts, and kids menu items from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Outdoor shaded seating is available, or sit inside and peer into the fluttering colors of the Wings of the Tropics exhibit, while Dale Chihuly's Royal Gold and Clear Chandelier twinkles overhead. Complimentary WiFi is available.

The Lakeside Café offers a selection of sandwiches, salads, cold drinks, coffees, sodas, smoothies and desserts every day from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Outdoor shaded seating is available with a view of Fairchild's Arboretum and Pandanus Lake. Complimentary WiFi is available.

The Shop at Fairchild is filled with an incredible variety of items inspired by the tropics: books, home and garden decor, educational kids' toys, apparel and unique gifts. The Shop at Fairchild offers Starbucks Coffee, espresso beverages, pastries and snacks. Store hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Visit online at store.fairchildonline.com. Complimentary WiFi is available.

