Welcome to the QBG Farm!

Did you know Queens Botanical Garden has a farm? Like the rest of our 39 acres, our one-acre QBG Farm uses sustainable and organic practices to grow fruits and vegetables that are donated to food pantries and community fridges! In 2023, we produced **over 6,000 lbs. of food for our community.**

The Farm is closed to the public during the week, but this summer, we are bringing back **weekly Farm Open Hours**! Through September 2024,, the Farm will be open on **Wednesdays, 2pm to 5pm.** Come tour the space and visit the Farm Stand, where you can purchase produce and tea bags, on a pay-what-you-can sliding scale. Farm Open Hours are included in your garden admission.

To learn about the Farm, incuding volunteer opportunities, scan the **QR code** or visit queensbotanical.org/farm.

Make the most out of your visit!
Be sure to check our website calendar by scanning the **QR code** or going to queensbotanical.org/calendar. Discover more things to see and do at the place where people, plants, and cultures meet!

Are you a QBG Member yet? Membership gets you discounts on select programs, year-round FREE garden admission, parking passes and discounts, reciprocal admission and benefits at 300+ gardens, and more. To become a Member, scan the **QR code** or visit queensbotanical.org/membership.

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Living Land Acknowledgement

Queens Botanical Garden acknowledges that it is situated on the traditional land of the Matinecock people, the first people of Flushing, Queens. We pay respect to the Matinecock people, past, present, and future, their ancestors who have stewarded the land for generations, and their continuing presence on this land today. We honor these origins by continuing to steward the land with sustainable practices, love for community, and commitment to equity, as well as helping to educate the public about the history, significance, contributions, and impact of indigenous peoples and culture.

We thank **Tecumseh Ceaser, Artist and Cultural Consultant of the Matinecock Tribal Nation,** for his guidance as we reflect on our acknowledgement.

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Summer Plant Walk

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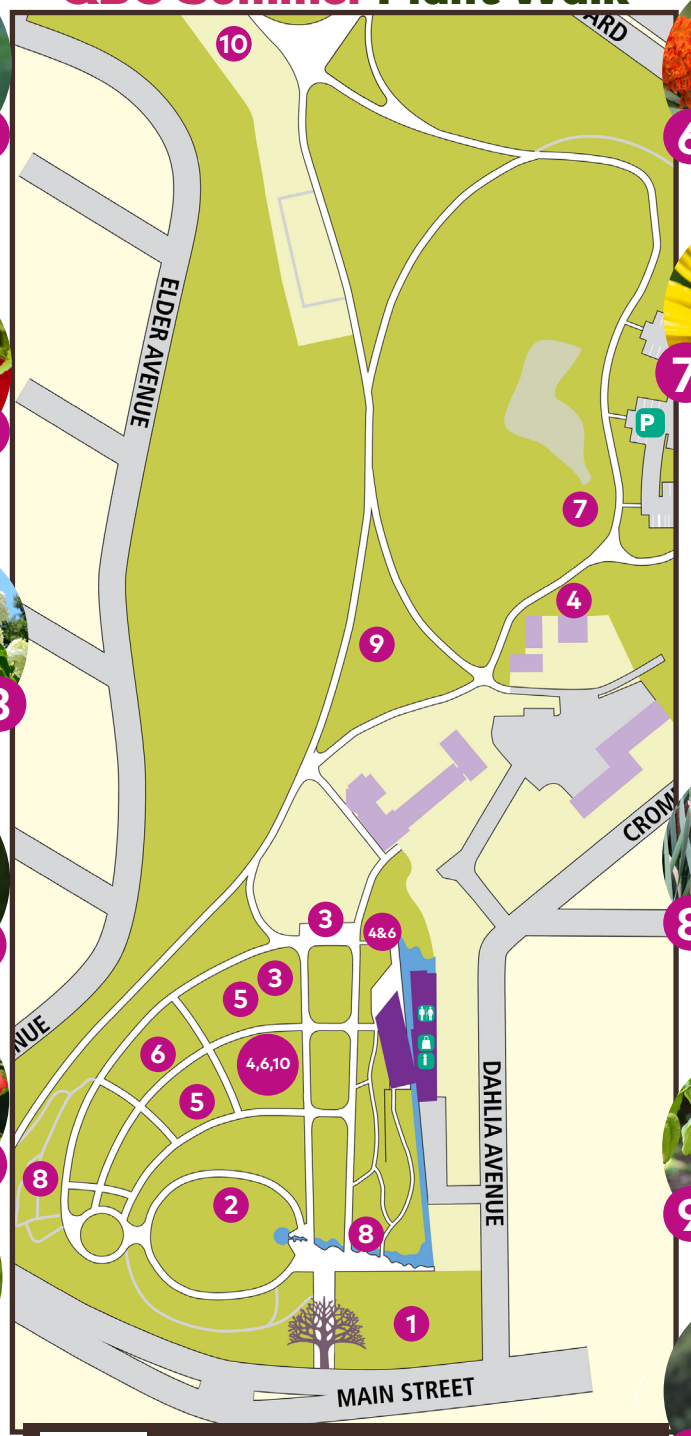

Lantana
Lantana camara
Locaton: Seasonal Bed
Blooms July through October

Lantana is a colorful plant that produces round clusters of small, brightly hued flowers. It comes in many combinations of colors, including yellow, orange, white, red, pink, blue, or purple. *Lantana camara* found in our Seasonal Bed features **yellow and fiery red and orange.** Because of its fast-growing nature and ability to produce thousands of seeds a year, lantana is considered an invasive species in some parts of the world.

Dinner Plate Hibiscus
Hibiscus "Lord Baltimore"
Location: Four Seasons Border
Blooms August through September

Dinner plate hibiscus is a showstopper of herbaceous perennials! They get their name from their size, which can be **a whopping 9-inches in diameter.** Hibiscuses are also edible and commonly added to teas, jams, and salads—but please do not munch on ours! They are strictly for our helpful pollinators, especially hummingbirds.

Panicle Hydrangea
Hydrangea paniculata "Limelight"
Locations: Annual Garden & Wedding Garden
Blooms August into fall

The panicle "limelight" hydrangea is known for its full body of white-to-mint green color and its sturdy stature that can **grow as tall as seven feet high.** Their vibrant blooms continue on into fall, when the flowers turn into a rich pink.

Yarrow
Achillea millefolium
Locations: Herb Garden & Floral Border
Blooms June & July

A member of the daisy family Asteraceae, yarrow is a wildflower that is **perfect for pollinator gardens** because it attracts butterflies, bees, and other insects. It is known for its disk-shaped clusters of tiny flowers that symbolize everlasting love. The name Achillea comes from Achilles, the Greek mythological warrior of the Trojan war.

Roses
Over 70 cultivars
Locations: Rose Garden & Annual Garden
Blooms June & October

Visitors are surprised to learn that **over 70 cultivars are grown here—and with organic practices that result in more resilience to black spot and other common diseases roses face.** These robust flowers are "heavy feeders," which means they require heavy watering and fertilizing. Our roses are found in a rainbow of colors--red, orange, yellow, pink, and even some gradient color pallets.

Some of our favorite varieties (pictured on the right, top to bottom) are Rosa "Garden Joy," Climbing Rose, Floribunda Rose, and Hybrid Tea Rose.

Scan QR code to learn about more plants that are in season during your visit!

Butterfly Weed
Asclepias tuberosa
Locations: Floral Border, Perennial Garden, & Herb Garden
Blooms in July

Butterfly weed is a perennial milkweed with large, flat-topped clusters of bright-orange flowers. **It attracts butterflies, particularly the Monarch,** with its vibrant color and plentiful supply of nectar.

Giant Sunflower
Helianthus giganteus
Location: Meadow
Blooms July & August

Just as its name suggests, the Giant Sunflower is GIGANTIC—but mainly due to its height (up to 12 feet tall), as its heads are relatively small! It shows off bright-yellow flower heads that provide **sustenance for many dozens of bees, birds, butterflies, and beetles.** While *Helianthus giganteus* is a native wildflower, the sunflower genus includes plants from all over the world. You can see other sunflowers in our Herb Garden, Parking Garden, by the Education Building, and along the Wedding Garden fence.

VOTE for the Giant Sunflower!
As part of WildflowerNYC, the Giant Sunflower is Queens' chosen candidate to be **NYC's official wildflower,** going flower head-to-flower head with four other plants representing other boroughs. Help raise awareness and make wildflowers a meaningful part of the Big Apple narrative by voting today! Scan the QR code or visit wildflowernyc.org.

Cattail
Typha latifolia
Locations: Entrance Plaza Biotope & Wetland Garden
Blooms in August

Cattail is purposefully placed in our Biotope and Constructed Wetland because it thrives in water. It has **thick, underground, white stems called rhizomes** that root near the edge of water, from which they collect nutrients. They produce two types of flowers: the upper spikes are pollen-producing flowers that bloom first and fall off, and the lower spikes are female flowers that look a lot like hot dogs!

Golden Rain Tree
Koelreuteria paniculata
Location: Aboretum
Blooms late spring & early summer; fruits in August

The Golden Rain Tree is one of our favorite trees because it is extremely tolerant of drought, heat, wind, and air pollution! Its **gold-colored flowers** are a delight to spot in the summertime and in August, it produces clusters of papery fruits.

Bee Balm
Monarda didyma "Jacob Cline"
Location: Floral Border & QBG Farm
Blooms June & July

Another favorite of hummingbirds and butterflies, Monarda is a native plant within the mint family. Enjoy the sight of its vibrant crimson flowers and the pleasant aroma of its foliage!