



Best Botanical Garden: Readers vote Mt. Cuba Center



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Explore the flora of the Appalachian Piedmont at this winning garden

Note from 10Best: *Someday, we'll all be ready to pack our suitcases again and head out on our next adventures. In the meantime, we'll keep supporting the places that inspire us.*



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FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDEN

Coral Gables, Fla.

The warm climate of Coral Gables allows tropical plants to be grown outdoors year round at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden – one of the only places in the continental United States where this is possible. Exotic butterflies fly freely within the Wings of the Tropics Conservatory, while the Rare Plant House displays 450 species of rare and endangered tropical plants from around the globe. Other themed gardens include a Tropical Fruit Pavilion, Palm Glade, Tropical Flower Garden, Succulent Garden and even a display of the dry forest plants of Madagascar.

Photo courtesy of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

April showers might very well bring May flowers, but at the public and botanical gardens dotting North America, there's always something in bloom. The best gardens and arboretums on the continent, like these 10 voted best in the U.S. by our readers, help to promote and conserve the plant diversity of our planet, all while showcasing their vast collections in stunning, visitor friendly ways.

The top 10 winners in the category Best Botanical Garden are as follows:

1. Mt. Cuba Center - Hockessin, Del.
2. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden - Coral Gables, Fla.
3. Minnesota Landscape Arboretum - Chaska, Minn.
4. Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens - Boothbay, Maine
5. Missouri Botanical Garden - St. Louis
6. Ganna Walska Lotusland - Santa Barbara
7. Bloedel Reserve - Bainbridge Island, Wash.
8. Garden in the Woods - Framingham, Mass.
9. UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley - Berkeley, Calif.
10. United States Botanic Garden - Washington, D.C.

A panel of experts partnered with 10Best editors to pick the initial nominees, and the top 10 winners were determined by popular vote.

Congratulations to all these winning gardens!