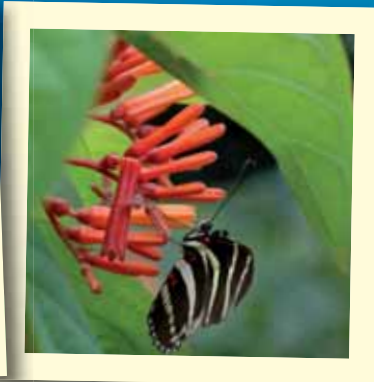




Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden Florida, USA



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Opened in 1938, the 83-acre (33.59 Ha) Garden has dedicated itself to exploring, explaining and conserving the world of tropical plants. Fairchild is one of the premier conservation and education-based gardens in the world and a recognised international leader in both Florida and international conservation.

Currently Fairchild has field programs in over 20 countries including support to protected areas in Madagascar and Africa and botanic garden development and renovation projects in South and Central America, the Caribbean and the Middle East. Working around the world, Fairchild's level of dedication to native plant conservation in South Florida remains unparalleled.

Fairchild houses the National Palm Collection as recognised by the American Public Gardens Association (APGA) and has the world's greatest living collection of palms and cycads. These collections and other plants within the Gardens are now a resource of world significance.

Fairchild is a cultural leader in the community. The Garden is involved in educational programs and adult courses, whilst running major events such as the International Mango Festival, the International Chocolate Festival plus numerous concerts and art exhibits.

Where else can one visit a tropical rainforest, view world class art, dine at an award winning café and do it all surrounded by the unparalleled beauty of nature? Only at Fairchild.

Website: www.fairchildgarden.org