

Plant-spotting at the Singapore Garden Festival

THE MEADOW



Flower Field

- Cat's whiskers (*Orthosiphon aristatus*, far left) are known for their long, slender stamens. This species belongs to the mint family (*Lamiaceae*).
- The *Brunfelsia pauciflora* (left), whose flowers last for three days, is commonly known as "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow". The flower changes from violet to lavender to white by the end of the third day.

The Mountains

- *Syzygium myrtifolium*, which can be cultivated as a shrub, hedge or tree, may be a common roadside plant, but is thought to be extinct in the wild in Singapore.
- Young leaves often flush pink or orange, but in cultivated varieties, they can be pink, reddish, burgundy or variegated.



Underground linkway to Bayfront station

Gothic Gate

- The *Wrightia antidysenterica* shrub is valued for its bark, which has anti-inflammatory and anti-microbial properties.



Vanda Valley

- The Dancing Ladies Orchid (*Ionopsis utricularioides*) is native to the tropical and subtropical Americas.
- Its small flowers range from pale pink to purple and have a cream patch at the base of their lips.
- It is a popular orchid species, thanks to its resemblance to the cherry blossom.



FLOWER DOME

Orchid Extravaganza

- The flowers of the endangered *Phragmipedium besseae*, found in the montane forests of Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, bloom one at a time over a few months.
- Its genus belongs to a sub-family of orchids commonly known as "slipper orchids".



SUPERTREE GROVE

Lost Forest

- The *Magnolia singapurensis* (right), a native tree that bears white flowers and is related to the Cempaka tree, is endangered in Singapore.
- Earliest specimens were found in Choa Chu Kang and, later, the Nee Soon freshwater swamp forest.
- The *Melaleuca cajuputi* (right), which resembles the eucalyptus, is also known as Tea Tree for its aromatic oils and Swamp Paper Bark for its flaky bark.
- It is used in traditional remedies for skin infections as well as in aromatherapy and for general purpose timber.

