About The New York Botanical Garden

The New York Botanical Garden is an iconic living museum. As an oasis in this busy metropolis since its founding in 1891, we look forward to the Garden's continued leadership as a dynamic New York City cultural institution.

A National Historic Landmark, this 250-acre site's verdant landscape supports over one million living plants in extensive collections. More than one million annual visitors enjoy the Garden not only for its remarkable diversity of tropical, temperate, and desert flora, but also for programming that ranges from renowned exhibitions in the Haupt Conservatory to celebrations on Daffodil Hill.

The Garden is also a major educational institution. More than 300,000 people annually—among them Bronx families, schoolchildren, and teachers—learn about plant science, ecology, and healthful eating through NYBG's hands-on, curriculumbased programming. Over 85,000 of those visitors are children from underserved neighboring communities, while more than 3,200 are teachers from New York City's public school system participating in professional development programs that train them to teach science courses at all grade levels.

NYBG operates one of the world's largest plant research and conservation programs, with nearly 200 staff members—including 100 Ph.D. scientists—working in the Garden's state-of-the-art molecular labs as well as in the field, where they lead programs in 49 countries.

About the LuEsther T. Mertz Library

The Mertz Library promotes the intelligent stewardship of the natural world by collecting and preserving works of merit in botany, horticulture, and landscape design.

The Library's outstanding collections represent over a century of commitment to botanical and environmental research. The skilled staff of the Mertz Library serve as an invaluable resource by providing the highest-quality resources and services to meet the needs of the Garden's diverse research, instructional, and outreach programs including the Garden's research staff, botanists, and horticulturists as well as scientific, scholarly, and artistic communities worldwide and the public at large.

The Library is open to the public and in addition to supporting the intellectual and informational needs of the gardening, horticultural, and botanical community the Library continues to develop strategic partnerships that advance research and promote new methods of providing access to an ever-expanding variety of information resources.

Library Hours:

Friday & Monday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Tuesday–Thursday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Hours subject to change during summer months; please check library website for current hours.

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Figure 1 Prosper Alpini, *Prosper Alpini de plantis Aegypti liber*, Venice, 1592.

Figures 2 & 3 Pietro Andrea Mattioli, *Herbarz: ginak Bylinǎr* ..., Prague, 1562

Figure 4 & 5 Griffith Hughes, *The natural history of Barbados*, London, 1750.

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Johann Theodor de Bry, *Florilegium renovatum et auctum*, Frankfurt, 1641.

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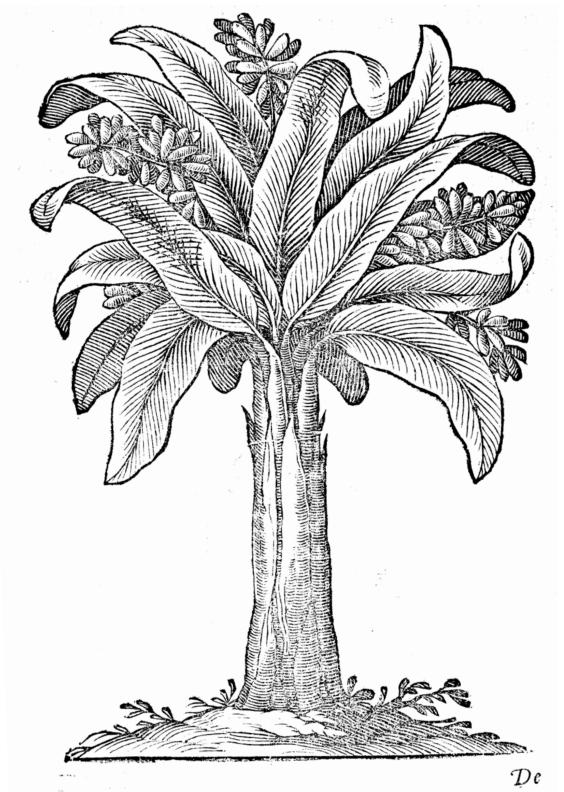
Maria Sibylla Merian, *Histoire générale des insectes de Surinam et de toute l'Europe …*, Paris, 1771.

Figures 9 & 10 Crispijn van de Passe, *Hortus floridus*, Extant Arnheimii, [1614–1617].

Figures 11 & 12 Karl Friedrich Philipp von Martius, *Flora Brasiliensis*, Weinheim, 1840–1906.

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