



PALM LAWN >>

Palm species requiring an open aspect can be found in the Palm Lawn. From soaring *Livistona* and *Washingtonia* species to brilliantly coloured *Bismarckia* and *Latania*, the collection is also host to several rare and exotic specimens. A Travellers Palm and the Panama Hat Palm are also planted in the lawn; although *neither* are true palms.



ROSE AND HERB GARDENS >>

The Isabella Phillips Rose Garden contains prolific roses, a historic fountain and ornamental terracotta urns. This and the adjacent herb garden are popular for photographs and ceremonies. Under the auspices of the Townsville Botanic Gardens, the Herb Garden is maintained by members of the Herb Society of North Queensland where they have established an excellent representation of herbs that grow well in the prevailing climate.



MAGNIFICENT TREES >>

The gardens contain some fine, mature examples of noble tropical trees that help create a cool, shady environment in many locations, whilst providing structure and grandeur. Some of the most notable specimens are the Figs, Sea Almonds, Hoop Pine (with Cyclone Althea lean and Cycone Yasi twist) Mango (believed to be the oldest specimen in Queensland), Moreton Bay Ash (remnant specimen), Milky Pine (the largest is believed to be a remnant) and the magnificent Rain Tree at Kennedy Lane Entrance (120 -140 years old).



Queens Gardens

A BOTANIC HERITAGE EXPERIENCE



The Townsville Botanic Gardens, as developed by Townsville City Council, includes Anderson Gardens, Queens Gardens and the Palmetum.

Each garden is unique in character but all contain fine examples of tropical vegetation that will be of interest to plant enthusiasts and casual visitors alike.

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LOCATION >> Townsville, North Queensland. Entrance is off Paxton Street, Gregory Street and Kennedy Lane in the suburb of North Ward.

AREA >> 4 Hectares, gently sloping with good access to all areas.

CLIMATE >> Townsville's average annual rainfall is 1125mm, with marked seasonality and high variability. Approximately 70% falls January to March, with useful falls of 20mm or more rare from May to October. Rainfall events tend to be of high intensity and short duration. Summers are hot and humid. The mean daily January max. is 31.3°C with the relative humidity averaging 65-70%. The average minimum for the coldest month (July) is 13.5°C.

PLANT COLLECTION >> Queens Gardens is a botanic garden containing a fine collection of ornamental tropical plants. Desirable, rare and unusual plants are displayed alongside the most spectacular flowering, foliage and fruiting specimens. Tropical flowering trees, heliconias, palms and the Frangipani collection are particularly impressive.

ESTABLISHMENT DATE >> Initiated in 1870 as a trial garden for European settlement.

FACILITIES >> Public conveniences, picnic areas, children's playground and aviaries.



Queens Gardens A BOTANIC HERITAGE EXPERIENCE

Initiated in 1870, Queens Gardens is the oldest Botanic Garden in Townsville.

Now covering 4 hectares, reduced from an original 40Ha, it is considered a fine example of a tropical colonial garden of that era. Originally established as a trial garden for European settlement, plantings included timber and fruit trees. Today the emphasis of the collection is on colonial ornamental plants with colourful, attractive flowers, foliage or fruit.

On 2 February 2011, Townsville was battered for several hours with Cyclone Yasi's Category 4 strength winds; a third of the trees at this site were lost as a result.

PLANTS OF INTEREST >>

A. <i>Flacourtia indica</i>	Governor's Plum
B. <i>Ficus virens var. virens</i>	Australian Strangler Fig
C. <i>Phoenix sylvestris</i>	Silver Date Palm
D. <i>Dyopsis lutescens</i>	Golden Cane Palm
E. <i>Carludovica palmata</i>	Panama Hat Palm
F. <i>Mangifera indica</i>	Common Mango
G. <i>Tamarindus indica</i>	Tamarind
H. <i>Cyrtostachys renda</i>	Lipstick Palm
I. <i>Corymbia tessellaris</i>	Moreton Bay Ash
J. <i>Elaeocarpus angustifolius</i>	Blue Quandong
K. <i>Samanea saman</i>	Rain Tree
L. <i>Alstonia scholaris</i>	Milky Pine
M. <i>Pandanus papuana</i>	Papuan Pandan
N. <i>Araucaria cunninghamii</i>	Hoop Pine
O. <i>Ficus rubiginosa</i>	Rusty Fig
P. <i>Agathis robusta</i>	Kauri Pine
Q. <i>Dyopsis leptocheilos</i>	Redneck Palm
R. <i>Delonix regia</i>	Poinciana
S. <i>Bambusa ventricosa</i>	Buddha Belly Bamboo
T. <i>Michelia champaca</i>	Champak
U. <i>Bombax ceiba</i>	Silk Cotton Tree
V. <i>Attalea cohune</i>	Cohune Palm
W. <i>Bismarckia nobilis</i>	Bismarck Palm
X. <i>Ravenala madagascariensis</i>	Traveller's Palm
Y. <i>Hyophorbe lagenicaulis</i>	Bottle Palm
Z. <i>Ficus benjamina</i>	Weeping Fig



ACCESS >> Paxton Street, Gregory Street and Kennedy Lane in North Ward. Car parking available on roadside boundaries.

FEATURE AREAS >>

PERENNIAL DISPLAY >>

A mix of bright tropical foliage (*Dracaena*, *Codiaeum* & *Cordyline*) together with palms, cycads, bromeliads and succulents provide stunning colour and symmetry all year along the primary axis. Flanked by rows of Golden Cane Palms (*Dyopsis lutescens*) and punctuated by stately Silver Date Palms (*Phoenix sylvestris*), the borders provide a grand introduction to the gardens.

RAINFOREST >>

This compact representation of a tropical rainforest hosts a spreading canopy of Strangler Fig (*Ficus virens var. virens*), Blue Quandong (*Elaeocarpus angustifolius*), Milky Pine (*Alstonia scholaris*) and Raintree (*Samanea saman*). A meandering path network leads the visitor through lush under-plantings of interesting specimens. The central area was severely damaged by Cyclone Yasi and replanting of this section of the Rainforest was carried out with funding and support from Stockland Ltd.

FRANGIPANI COLLECTION >>

The floral emblem of Queens Gardens is represented by a collection of Frangipani (*Plumeria*) species that occur naturally in the wild, along with a selection of the most magnificent cultivars and rarities. Perfect for the dry tropical climate of Townsville, Frangipani's exude the colonial heritage and ambience of this garden.

EVENTS LAWN >>

The Events Lawn is the premier location for a variety of functions in Queens Gardens. A tranquil atmospheric backdrop for theatre, music and social events is provided by a collection of magnificent shade and timber trees which are the remnants from the original economic botany theme.

