

Your Plant Personality

Answer the questions below to find a plant in Duke Gardens that fits your personality!

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Find your plant!

Learn more about these plants that are important to local Black and Indigenous horticulturalists and farmers.



Black Walnut: *Juglans nigra*

Black Walnut trees release a chemical called juglone that kills plants around it, often making it a tree that stands alone.

Today the Lumbee tribe uses black walnuts in ice cream as a yummy treat!



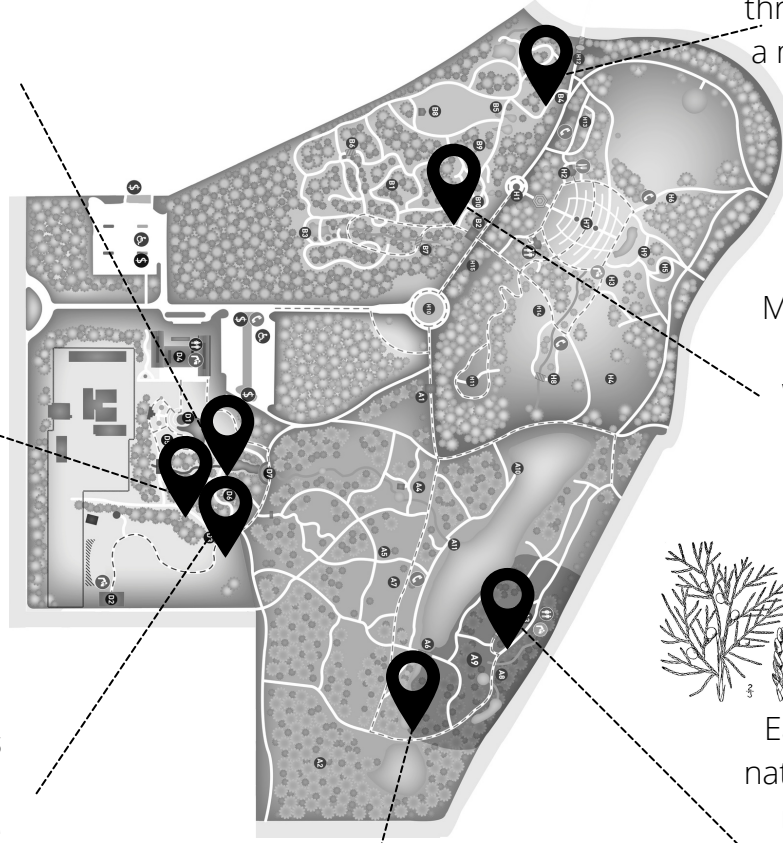
Eggplant: *Solanum melongena*

Eggplant is a member of the nightshade family, related to white potatoes, peppers, and tomatoes. It is a staple in various cuisines across the Mediterranean and Asia.



Watermelon: *Citrullus lanatus*

Watermelon is a vine-like plant brought to the Americas from the African continent by European colonists and enslaved Africans. Originally used as a way to store water, it is now a delightful summer snack on hot days.



Eastern Redbud: *Cercis canadensis*

Eastern Redbud is a deciduous tree that can be found all around the Gardens and around Durham. The flowers and young seed pods are a delicious snack in the springtime. Southeastern Native American tribes eat them raw or cooked.



Maypop: *Passiflora incarnata*

Maypop, also known as purple passionflower, is a vine plant found throughout North Carolina. The fruit gives a mild calming effect and is sold by many local Black farmers in our area.



Mayapple: *Podophyllum peltatum*

Mayapple is a perennial plant that appears in the springtime.

While mayapple leaves, roots and seeds are poisonous, the ripe, golden fruit is edible. The plants have a history of medicinal use as an enema or for deworming.



Eastern Red Cedar: *Juniperus virginiana*

Eastern Red Cedar is an evergreen tree native to North Carolina. "The Cedar is the most powerful herb of all. One of the elders says it's like the grandfather of medicine. The Cedar is a medicine of protection. The cedar trees are very old. They have that power within them because of their roots." – Mihe Heyanenhes Yattse (Woman Who Stands Tall), citizen of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation, English Name: Vickie Jefferies

