Tropical Plants

The Tropical Plant Section grows the large specimen temperate and tropical plants that are displayed throughout the Smithsonian gardens. During the winter season, these plants are housed and maintained in the greenhouses; in the spring, they are relocated to the Smithsonian gardens and grounds surrounding the National Mall.

Some examples of the beautiful flowering specimens include *Brugmansia* ‘Charles Grimaldi,’ the fragrant gardenia, the exotic *Aristolochia* and *Passiflora* vines, and various *Amorphophalis*. Large palms and specimen foliage plants are displayed downtown where visitors can relax and enjoy the beauty and tranquility of the gardens.