



# Revisited

Many of us visit or tour places and take photographs of something that attracts us or at least a selfie or two of where we were. But what if you went back and really photographed your experience. Flamingo Gardens was one place we visited while our daughter attended and graduated from UMiami during the 1980s. We again visited Flamingo Gardens a decade later.

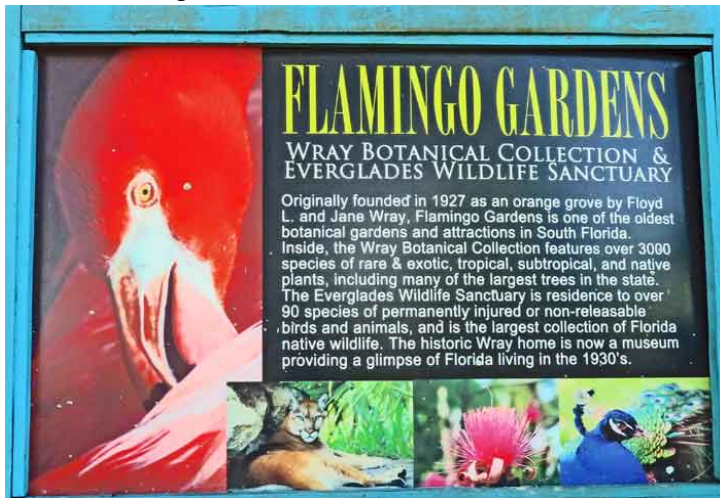


Our most recent visit to Flamingo Gardens was taken with an intent to do more photography than the first acuri.net photo program entitled, "[FlamingoGardens](#)" within USA, state of Florida in acuri.net.

This photo program consists of an overview plus four other topics: **The Wray Home, Tram Tour, Flora and Fauna, and Big Bugs Exhibit.** Go to [acuri.net \[USA-Florida\]](#). Flamingo Gardens is a very interesting place and run by friendly staff and volunteers. Its mission is "to depict, preserve, and provide education about the natural and cultural heritage of South Florida and the Everglades in our botanical gardens and wildlife sanctuary."

The Wray Botanical Collection at the Flamingo Gardens includes the *Arboretum & Champion Trees, Orchid Collection, Butterfly & Hummingbird Garden, Fragrance Garden, Croton Garden, Ginger & Heliconia Gardens, Tropical Fern Garden, Live Oak Hammock, Tropical Rainforest & Wetlands Area, Pollinator Garden, and Charles L. Ross & Chip Jones Cycad Garden.*

Flamingo Gardens Everglades Sanctuary includes the largest collection of Florida native wildlife. These are animals, reptiles, and birds who are permanently injured. One can see alligators, bear, bobcats, eagles, owls, otters, panthers, peacocks, and flamingos. Other non-sanctuary birds such as the White Ibis are common at Flamingo Gardens.







## CHAMPION TREE COLLECTION

In 1983 the Florida Forest Service certified 21 trees at Flamingo Gardens as "Champion" trees, the largest trees of their species in the State. Several of them may be the largest of their species in the United States, but as they are non-native they are not eligible for national certification. Several of the trees have since been lost to senescence (old age), disease, or storm damage, but other trees have been named champions in their place.

Flamingo Gardens contains the largest single collection of "Champion" trees in the state of Florida. All Champion trees are identified with "Champion" labels.

## THE SCIENCE OF INSECTS

**CLASSIFICATION**

**KINGDOM:** ANIMALIA  
**PHYLUM:** ARTHROPODA  
**CLASS:** INSECTA  
**ORDERS:** SEE BELOW

What are insects? What makes them special? Where do they live? How do they eat? How many insects are there? Are insects good or bad for the environment? All these questions about insects and more are a part of Entomology, the study and science of insects.

Insects are a class of animals in the phylum Arthropoda. Arthropods are invertebrates meaning:

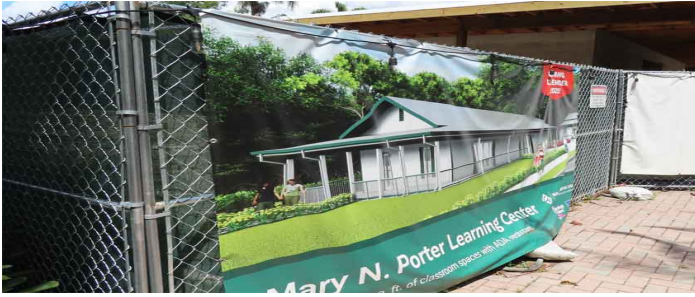
DIPTERA	ODONATA	COLEOPTERA	LEPIDOPTERA	HYMENOPTERA
Includes Flies	Includes Dragonflies and Damselflies	Includes Beetles	Includes Butterflies and Moths	Includes Bees, Wasps, and Ants
• Two pairs of long, transparent wings	• Two pairs of long, transparent wings	• One or two pairs of hard, leathery wings	• Two pairs of long, transparent wings	• Two pairs of long, transparent wings
• Long, segmented body	• Long, segmented body	• Long, segmented body	• Long, segmented body	• Long, segmented body
• Long, segmented antennae	• Long, segmented antennae	• Long, segmented antennae	• Long, segmented antennae	• Long, segmented antennae
• Long, segmented legs	• Long, segmented legs	• Long, segmented legs	• Long, segmented legs	• Long, segmented legs

## BUGS! BUGS! BUGS!

IN THE GALLERY



### Future Educational Program Development



### Entry/Exit and Shop



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