

VanDusen Botanical Garden

Guide Weekly Update #24: September 8 to September 14, 2019

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Saturday/Sunday 7/8 September 2019: Luxury & Super Car Show

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They've been setting up for a week, and it's finally here: the path blocking, motor-revving, music-blasting car show to end all car shows. Keep away from the Great Lawn, expect diversions esp. adjacent to the path west of the lawn, or just escort guests through our NE gardens.

Saturday 14 September 2019: Member Morning

8:00am: Garden's open an hour early for members, free coffee for the first folks.

PERFECT PAIRINGS



► With the waterfall pool at your right, walk west, turn left, and at the next intersection is this Spindle Tree (*Euonymus planipes*), with its canopy of blood-red ornamental bells of berries. Also known as the Dingle Dangle Tree. Spindle trees were indeed used to make spindles, hence the genus' common name. ► Behind it is a Maidenhair Tree (*Ginkgo biloba*). There are only 14 divisions in the plant kingdom, and the Ginkgo is the only extant member of the *Ginkgophyta* division (the next-smallest division is *Glaucophyta*, containing thirteen algae). ► In the tropical garden (and elsewhere) guests are drawn to the towering Flowering Tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*), native to the Andes region in Bolivia and Argentina, and it's a parent to the commonly grown commercial hybrid. ► Below, the small but striking stems and foliage of the Spurflower; I suspect this is likely *Plectranthus ciliatus*, a South African native which has been naturalized in parts of Australia and New Zealand and is generally considered to be invasive there. Surprise! Most of the *Coleus* plants have been redistributed to *Plectranthus*, as *Coleus* is no longer a valid genus (the remainders moved to *Solenostemon*).

You can normally DOWNLOAD all my photos from Google. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/vandusenphotos> and each week I'll keep adding more shots.