

About the Singapore Botanic Gardens

The Singapore Botanic Gardens was founded by an Agri-Horticultural Society on its present-day site in 1859. The Gardens later came under the administration of the British colonial government in 1874, from when it began to develop into the world-class botanic garden and research institute it is now. Today, the Gardens is managed by the National Parks Board, a statutory board of the Singapore government.

The Gardens has played an important role in fostering agricultural development in Singapore and the region through both research and experimentation with various plants. Its successes include the introduction, experimentation and promotion of Pará Rubber, *Hevea brasiliensis*; as well as the orchid breeding programme. In more recent times, the Gardens also played a key role in Singapore's Garden City programme through the continual introduction of plants of horticultural and botanical interest.



With more than 150 years of history, the 82-hectare Gardens holds a unique and significant place in the history of Singapore and the region. Through the botanical and horticultural work carried out today, it will continue to play an important role as a leading tropical botanical institute, and an endearing place to all Singaporeans.

The Gardens was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site at the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee (WHC) on 4 July 2015. The Gardens is the first and only tropical botanic garden on the UNESCO's World Heritage List. It is the first botanic garden in Asia and the third worldwide to be inscribed, following the Orto botanico di Padova and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Visitor Information

Operating Hours

Singapore Botanic Gardens: 5am – 12 mn daily

Centre for Ethnobotany: 9am – 6pm daily*

*Closed on every Wednesday. Unless if it falls on a PH, it will be closed the following day.

Free Admission

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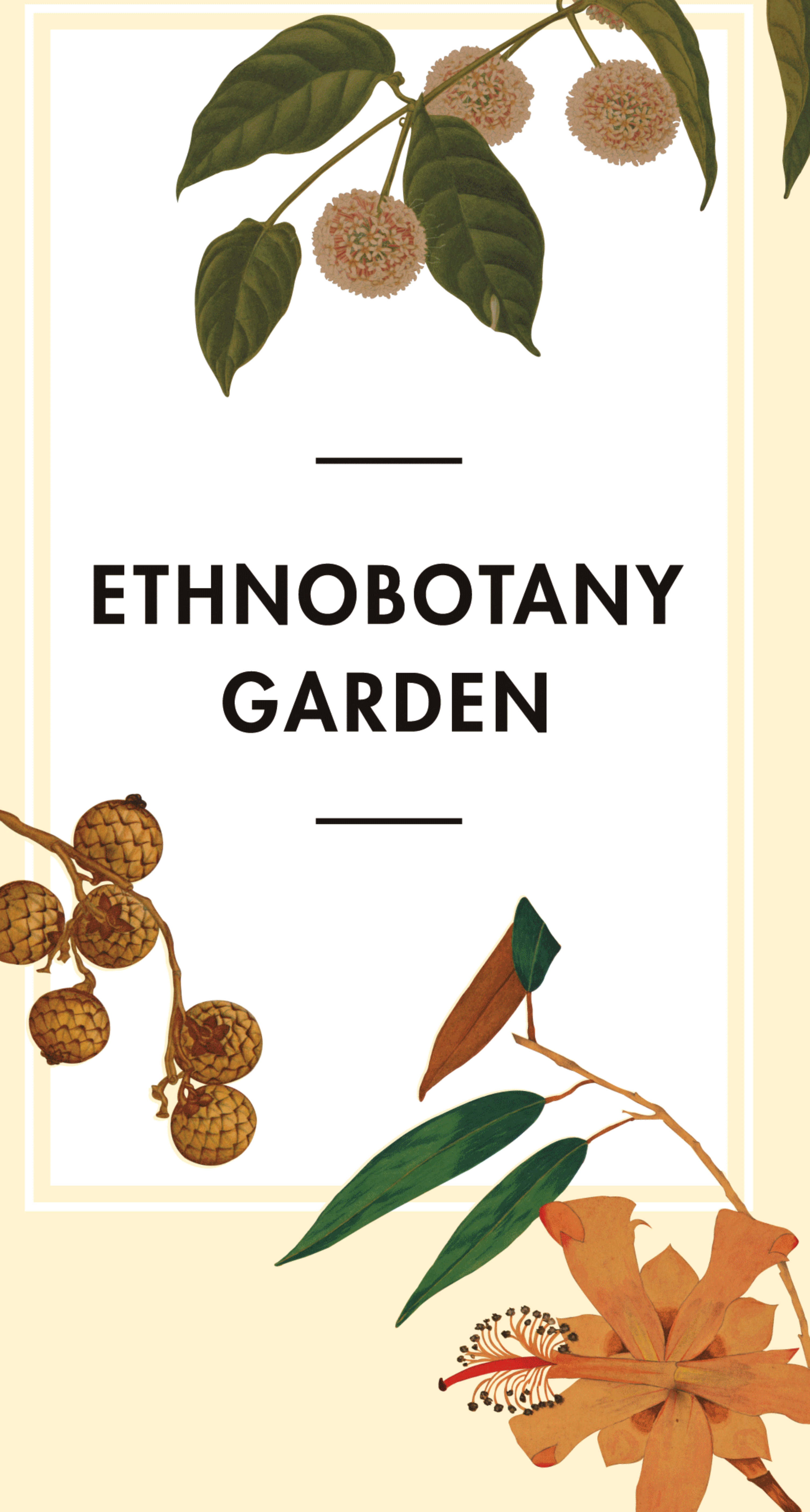
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About the Ethnobotany Garden



Ethnobotany is the study of the relationship between people and plants, and how traditional knowledge of plants has shaped human culture. The field spans cultural, religious, and medicinal aspects, and much more.



The **Ethnobotany Garden** explores this connection through a well-curated landscape, creating a tranquil environment to contemplate various plants and the accumulated knowledge of indigenous peoples in Southeast Asia. It contains several zones, from medicinal to symbolic, examining individual plants and their wide range of uses to people over the centuries.

The **Centre for Ethnobotany** overlooks and complements the Garden, exploring the vast significance of plants to humanity. Through a range of physical artefacts and interactives, it considers various aspects in which such plants were used. It highlights the role of indigenous peoples in safeguarding important ethnobotanical knowledge, and discusses ways in which society can ensure its continuity and preservation for the future.

The Centre also explores **economic botany** and the relationship between people and plants for economic purposes. Economic botany was particularly important in the history of the Singapore Botanic Gardens, as it originally served as a testing ground for many of the plants to be grown for economic purposes across the region.

Ethnobotany Garden & Centre for Ethnobotany

