

National Tropical Botanical Garden

Annual Report 2019



The Mission of the National Tropical Botanical Garden is to enrich life through discovery, scientific research, conservation, and education by perpetuating the survival of plants, ecosystems, and cultural knowledge of tropical regions.



Message from Thomas D. Hewitt

Aloha and welcome to the National Tropical Botanical Garden's 2019 Annual Report. Over the course of our 56 year history, NTBG has become a leader in the discovery, identification, and preservation of endangered plants. As the only congressionally chartered not-for-profit botanical garden in the United States, NTBG programs advance rare plant conservation, scientific research, and education.

Through multifaceted programs, we engage with the public, educating students, teachers, and professionals, as well as members of the global scientific and conservation communities, contributing to a greater understanding of plants and the environment.

With climate change, loss of biodiversity, and now a global pandemic, we believe our work has never been more urgent. Thinking about what future solutions to our most challenging problems may be discovered in plants gives me hope.

It has been my privilege and honor to serve for the past six years as the Chair of a Board including dedicated Trustees, Trustees Emeriti, Fellows, donors and members. Our staff and volunteers are second to none in making a profound difference through their work.

The year 2019 was a year of overcoming challenges, promising achievements, and new beginnings. Thank you for taking the time to read about NTBG in the following pages, and learning how together we are "Saving Plants, Saving People."

Tom Hewitt

Thomas D. Hewitt
Chairman, Board of Trustees
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Message from Janet Mayfield

There's no denying my first year as NTBG's CEO and Director was extraordinary. We faced daunting challenges, but also proved our resilience as we recovered from hurricanes, record-breaking rainfall, flooding, and drought. As a new fungal pathogen spread across the Hawaiian Islands, threatening our most important forest tree, 'ōhi'a, we continued efforts to collect and store *Metrosideros* spp. seeds.

On Kaua'i, our staff used drones to rediscover *Hibiscadelphus woodii*, an endemic species that was thought to have gone extinct. At our Kahanu Garden on Maui, we completed a new visitor and education center where we can engage the community, teach visitors, and tell the story of Hawaiian and Pacific Plants. In Florida, at The Kampong, we joined Florida International University in breaking ground on the International Center for Tropical Botany.

Meanwhile, our five gardens welcomed thousands of visitors, students, artists, journalists, researchers, and scientists from around the world. They came to exchange ideas, study our collections, enhance their own careers, and enjoy being with plants.

Even as threats to the world's plants and ecosystems have accelerated, NTBG is finding new ways to save plants through collaboration, innovation, and sheer determination.

Having completed my first year, I now have a newfound appreciation for the organization. From an unshakeable Board of Trustees who are wholly committed to our success, to our dedicated staff, volunteers, donors, and members, we have been able to overcome adversity, recover from disasters, and continue to grow as a leader in tropical plant science, conservation, and education. Together, we save plants.

Thank you for your interest and support of NTBG. Our mission has never been more critical.

Janet Mayfield

Janet L. Mayfield
CEO and Director
National Tropical Botanical Garden

2019 by the Numbers

2,358

HERBARIUM SPECIMENS IN TOTAL
ADDED TO COLLECTION

8,550

INVASIVE PLANTS REMOVED
FROM 70 ACRES IN THE UPPER
LIMAHULI PRESERVE

27

VARIETIES OF HAWAIIAN
TARO REPLANTED AT
KAHANU GARDEN

351

BOOKS AND
PERIODICALS
ACCESSIONED
TO LIBRARY

1,100+

STUDENTS, TEACHERS,
AND PROFESSIONALS
PARTICIPATED IN
EDUCATION AND
TRAINING PROGRAMS

263

LEAF TISSUE
COLLECTIONS
ADDED TO DNA
REPOSITORY

319

HERBARIUM SPECIMENS
LOANED, EXCHANGED
OR GIFTED TO SCIENTIFIC
INSTITUTIONS; 1,820
SPECIMENS RECEIVED AS
EXCHANGE OR GIFT

60 - FOOT HIGH

BREADFRUIT TREES, IN THE
COLLECTION OF 230, WERE
TRIMMED AND SHAPED,
SOME FOR THE FIRST TIME

433

VOLUNTEERS AND 12
GROUPS VOLUNTEERED
NEARLY 23,000 HOURS

18

PUBLICATIONS
AUTHORED OR
CO-AUTHORED BY
STAFF PUBLISHED
IN PEER-REVIEWED
JOURNALS

1,000 FOOT

VERTICAL DROP TO WHERE NTBG
REDISCOVERED *HIBISCADELPHUS*
WOODII ON A SHEER CLIFF FACE
USING A DRONE

1,303

PRITCHARDIA MINOR SEEDS
COLLECTED FROM FIVE TREES
SENT TO THREE GARDENS IN
THREE STATES FOR BACKUP EX
SITU COLLECTIONS

Programs

Science and Conservation – Rough terrain conservation collecting; genetic diversity and breeding system studies; outplanting and invasive species control; endemic taxa seed collecting; seed viability studies, storage, and reciprocity; remote summit surveys; critically endangered species rediscovery using drones; expansion of herbarium collections including digitization and imaging; peer-reviewed publications; participation on presentations, panels, and public lectures; community outreach, service, and mentorship.

Living Collections and Horticulture – conservation horticulture including rare and endangered plant propagation; native fern production in fern lab; ex situ outplanting; development of living collections; plant records and database management; flood damage and assessment and recovery at Limahuli Garden; strategic planning and inventory for adding Hawaiian canoe plants; hurricane recovery and mapping collections at The Kampong; training and working with students, interns, and volunteers; logistical and technical support for five garden sites.

Breadfruit Institute – promoting the conservation, study, and use of breadfruit for food and restoration; preserving the largest, most comprehensive breadfruit germplasm repository in the world; curating genetic resources; supporting research programs; collaborating with international programs to advance distribution and use of high-quality varieties; develop and expand Regenerative Organic Breadfruit Agroforestry demonstration for education and development of future models for collaboration.

Education – place-based programs offering students at every level the opportunity to learn in the garden, the lab, the library, and the field; extensive and varied internship programs; hosting children's summer 'Keiki Camp'; participation in STEM nights at local schools; learning opportunities, training, and professional development for college and university students, interns, journalists, botanical illustrators, researchers, and science educators through annual Science Teachers Enrichment Program.



ALLERTON GARDEN



THE KAMPONG

NTBG Gardens and Preserves

National Tropical Botanical Garden manages five gardens and five preserves on three Hawaiian islands and Miami, Florida. NTBG also maintains native forest mountain and coastal habitat, threatened green sea turtle nesting grounds, and sites of historical, cultural, and ecological importance. NTBG is comprised of:

McBryde Garden and Lāwaʻi Preserve is NTBG's 200-acre flagship garden and 50-acre preserve housing one of the largest collections of native Hawaiian plants, Polynesian introduced 'canoe plants,' and living collections of exotic plants of scientific, cultural, education, and conservation value.

Allerton Garden is an 80-plus acre masterpiece of landscape design established by founding NTBG Trustee Robert Allerton and John Gregg Allerton in the 1930s. Using space, light, and water, Allerton Garden combines antique statuary, architectural features, and tropical plants. The garden borders the Lāwaʻi Kai Special Subzone at Lāwaʻi Bay.

Līmahuli Garden and Preserve is located in the rugged, verdant Limahuli Valley on Kauaʻi's north shore, and includes restored ancient taro patches, Hawaiian heritage plant collections, and many endangered native species. Above the garden, the 987-acre preserve is home to some of the world's rarest plants and ground nesting seabirds and is an important research and conservation site.

Kahanu Garden and Preserve on Maui's rugged north shore in the town of Hāna is home to Polynesian-introduced "canoe plants" and extensive collections of Pacific island heritage plants. Kahanu sprawls in the shadow of Piʻilanihali Heiau, an important archaeological site and includes a large coconut palm collection, native pandanus coastal forest, and primary conservation collection of NTBG's Breadfruit Institute. A new Visitor and Education Center opened in 2019.

The Kampong was built on the shores of Biscayne Bay in south Miami, and was the home and private garden of 19th century botanist David Fairchild. Within its 11-acre grounds, NTBG cares for some one thousand plant species including the Fairchild heritage collections, exotic fruit and ornamental trees, palms, bamboo, and historical buildings. In 2019, NTBG broke ground on the future site of International Center for Tropical Botany, a collaboration with Florida International University.

Kaʻūpūlehu Preserve is a nearly six-acre enclosure on Hawaiʻi Island comprised of remnant dryland forest with concentrations of endangered plants managed under lease since the early 1970s.

Awini Preserve is in a remote area of the Awini Plateau in the Kohala Mountains on Hawaiʻi Island. Some 85 native and non-native species have been recorded in this wet forest where they are threatened by invasive plants and feral animals.

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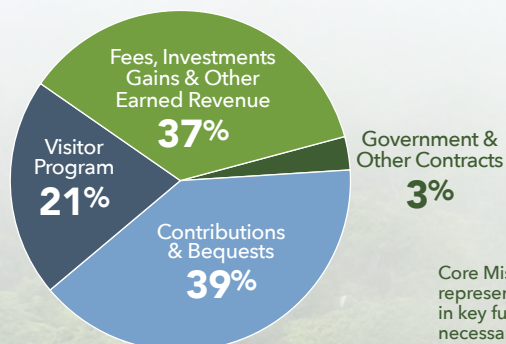


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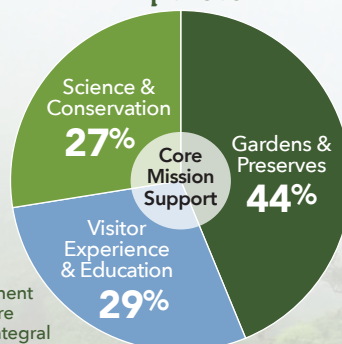
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Expenses



2019

ASSETS

| | \$ in 1,000s |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 1,952 |
| Other current Assets | 1,691 |
| Fixed Assets | 35,307 |
| Assets held for preservation | 10,780 |
| Assets held for investment | 22,987 |

TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 72,717

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES:

| | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Current Liabilities | \$ 810 |
| Long-term liabilities | 795 |

NET ASSETS:

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Without donor restrictions: | |
| Unrestricted | 31,389 |
| Designated by the board | 1,213 |
| With donor restrictions | 38,510 |

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

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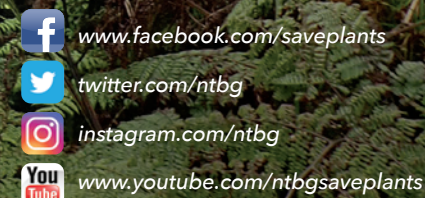
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR

\$ 3,923

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