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We hope you will consider supporting the Duke Gardens Annual Fund this year and help us grow to new heights.



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What's so important about Duke Gardens?



Consider this:

In the Blomquist Garden of Native Plants at Duke Gardens,

- critically endangered plant species like Florida torreya and box huckleberry are being brought back from the brink of extinction through conservation efforts to preserve plants, increase gene pools and harvest seed for eventual restoration.
- visitors are introduced to the Piedmont Prairie, a highly biodiverse ecosystem of more than 100 species of native grasses and wildflowers once common in the Southeast, now rapidly vanishing due to development. Duke Gardens has also partnered with community leaders to establish other prairie ecosystems throughout the region.
- thousands of school children delight in the myriad of birds, insects and amphibians that are attracted to the Blomquist Garden thanks to increased native plant biodiversity. This includes children from the East Durham Children's Initiative (EDCI), which partners with Duke Gardens to provide educational opportunities for low-income students in the hope of alleviating the impact of intergenerational poverty in the community.
- research opportunities abound for Duke students like PhD candidate Anna Kudla, whose etymology research has been enhanced by onsite experiences with insect life in the living laboratory of the garden.

**All this, and more, happens in an area of Duke Gardens that is 9 acres.  
Duke Gardens has 55 acres.**

Help us grow Duke Gardens and further the vital role that gardens play in our lives.  
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