



Traditionally, the first signs of Spring include the bright star Atutahi/Canopus rising in the morning during September and the flowering of golden kōwhai trees.
Our Spring Blossom Valley, Camellia and Magnolia Gardens and Orchard are stunning areas to visit at this time of year.
The African Garden also provides an explosion of colour and unusual-shaped flowers to discover.
We hope you enjoy finding some new areas of the gardens to explore and celebrate Spring.

Known as 'sakura' in Japanese, cherry blossoms symbolise a time of renewal and transient beauty. Take some time to relax under a tree in the orchard and enjoy their delicate blossoms.



Sit quietly next to a flowerbed to watch bees collecting pollen. Bees can visit up to 5000 flowers in one day!

How many different flowers can you find? Investigate their different sizes, shapes, colours and smells.



Use our online 'Garden Explorer' tool aucklandbg.gardenexplorer.org to go on a hunt for kōwhai. Type 'kōwhai' into the search engine and click on either of the Sophora species to help you find them on the map.



We would love to see the photos you've taken during your visit today. Tag us on Facebook or Instagram @aucklandbotanicgardens



Look out for tūī feeding on wai kōrari (harakeke nectar). Did you know that it was traditionally used to sweeten food and drinks? Explore our Harakeke Collection to discover more about this iconic, versatile, native plant.



Please be mindful of creating space for other people during your visit. Remember to scan or sign in when you arrive and try heading 'off the beaten track' to avoid busy areas.

