Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden – the most beautiful garden in Africa

Our mission is to promote the sustainable use, conservation, appreciation of the exceptionally rich plant life of South Africa, for the benefit of all people.

Gentle mountain slopes, forested valleys, enchanting streams, and the sea beyond... all serve as the backdrop for the spectacular Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, the jewel in South Africa’s biodiversity crown. Founded in 1913 as a private botanical garden, it was acquired by the government over the years and today stretches across 18 hectares above the city of Cape Town. A walk through Kirstenbosch is a journey to a world of untouched beauty

A major highlight is the Kirstenbosch Fernery, with over 1 500 species of ferns and fern allies, including the rarest species from South Africa’s diverse fern flora, which make up a fifth of the world’s fern species. The Kirstenbosch cycad collection is the second largest in the world, with 870 species of cycads, both palm-like and cone-bearing

Kirstenbosch is also known for its diverse fynbos plant species and the rich food resources on offer to birds foraging in the trees.

The garden is known for its diverse collection of trees and shrubs, as well as its extensive tree nursery, which supplies indigenous plants for reforestation projects and the creation of new gardens across South Africa. Kirstenbosch is a living laboratory, with 6 000 species of plants, including a special collection of rare and endangered species from all over the world.

Kirstenbosch is a special place among its botanical gardens in the world. A century later Kirstenbosch indeed ranks among the top of the mountain.

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However, it was Mathews, who trained at Kew, who toiled to create and see his garden grow to maturity, but he is still a part of it as his grave of Kirstenbosch and J. W. Mathews the first curator.

“This is the place!” So in 1913, Sir Lionel Philips, a man who had cause to get the final resolution passed. at first rejected: it took two years of hard work and championing this

Some of the Flora and Fauna found in the Garden

Fernwood Buttress

Kirstenbosch and visit proteas, coloured birds are natural to Western Cape and is endemic to Namaqualand daisies put purple. See them in the Annual Beds, Peninsula Garden and on mossy cliffs. In the wild they are found near streams and on mossy cliffs.

The Helmeted Guineafowl

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