



THIRD INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON
THE FAMILY MAGNOLIACEAE
CUBA 2016

First Circular

Magnolias: conservation, ecology,
horticulture, systematics, ...

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Magnolia 'Vulcan'



M. sargentiana



M. sieboldii



Talauma orbiculata



M. cubensis

Magnolia cubensis

Symposium: November 29th - December 3rd, 2016

Field trip: December 3rd to 10th, 2016

Cuba

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The Magnoliaceae family encompasses about 300 species of evergreen or deciduous trees and shrubs. These plants characteristically have large, attractive flowers and interesting foliage that make them appreciated as ornamentals worldwide. In nature, these plants typically are sparsely distributed, making them particularly vulnerable to habitat loss due to development and climate change. Thus, it is alarming that some experts suggest half of all Magnolia species are threatened with extinction in the wild.

The Magnolia family is of exceptional interest for understanding the evolution of plants. The family is ancient, with fossils dating to 58 million years. Species display many typical characters of primitive groups, and a very unusual and intriguing geographic distribution between East Asia and the Americas.



First sapling of *M. cubensis* reintroduced to the wild by the Magnolia project (Cuba)

3rd International Symposium background

This Symposium aims to provide an international forum for academics, researchers and amateurs to exchange ideas in the field of biology of magnolias and related topics.

The Symposium expects to foster networking and collaboration among participants to advance the knowledge and identify major priorities in the field that contribute to conservation of magnolias worldwide.

English is the official language of the Symposium.

Symposium organizers

The Cuban Botanical Society is a non-governmental organization promoting the study and conservation of Cuban flora and raising public awareness of Cuban plant diversity.



The Magnolia Society International (MSI) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to inform, educate and inspire people, from backyard gardeners to botanists, to learn more about the conservation, cultivation, and use of Magnolias. Learn more at www.magnoliasociety.org



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Symposium topics



M. cubensis subsp. acunae



Seedlings of *M. cubensis*

- Anatomy and physiology
- Conservation and ecology
- Cultivation, propagation and breeding
- Gardening and landscaping
- Molecular biology and cytology
- Phytochemistry
- Systematics, phytogeography and evolution

Scientific committee

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M. cubensis



M. virginiana subsp. oviedoae

Organizing committee

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General program

- Tuesday 29 Welcome, lecture session & welcome dinner
- Wednesday 30 Lecture session & Mid-conference field trip to Majaguillar swamp
- Thursday 1 visit to the National Botanic Garden and the city of Old Havana
- Friday 2 Lecture session, poster session & farewell dinner
- Saturday 3 - 10 Post-symposium field trip



M. sargentiana



M. cubensis

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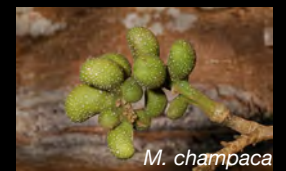
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M. sargentiana



M. champaca



M. cristalensis

Magnolia cubensis

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Mid-symposium trip



M. cubensis

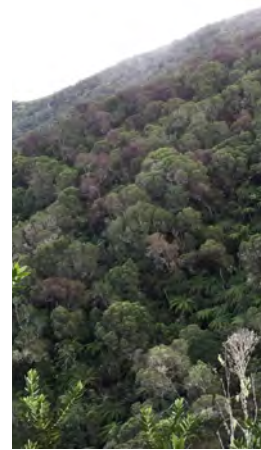
(included in registration)

This trip includes a visit to the Majaguillar Swamp (Ciénaga de Majaguillar) in the northeast of Matanzas province where *Magnolia virginiana* subsp. *oviedoae* was discovered in 2007.



M. cristalensis

We will also visit the National Botanic Garden where *Talauma orbiculata* is growing in cultivation.



Post-symposium field trip

(separate fee and registration)

This all-round trip will cover most Cuban plant communities from the coast to the mountains, from the very wet communities to the driest ones. Also, we will be visiting fantastic cities and towns full of history and traditions.

We will visit wild populations of *Magnolia cubensis* subsp. *acunae* and subsp. *cubensis*, and *Talauma minor*.

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