What Time Is It?

At the center of the Endangered Plant Garden, you will find a special sundial. Stand in the box of the current month and use the top of your shadow’s head to find out what time it is. Compare your shadow to a friend’s – do they both tell the same time?

What time did you visit the Endangered Plant Garden?

Could you tell the time if the sun was covered by clouds?

Look High and Low for Colors of the Rainbow!

As you walk through the Gardens, look for colorful flowers and leaves on the plants. Check off each color as you find it!

Red
Orange
Yellow
Green
Blue
Purple
White
Pink

A Timeline of the Gardens

Use the inscriptions near Edward Bok’s grave and on the Dedication Monument, Exedra, and the Peace Lantern to find and write the year that each of the following events occurred.

The year of Edward Bok’s birth
During these years the Gardens were designed and built by Olmsted
The year the Gardens were dedicated and presented as a gift to the American people
The year of Edward Bok’s death
The year the Peace Lantern arrived as a gift
1. _______ _______ _______ have tongues that can be six inches long with hooked ends. This lets them stab and grab insects living deep inside trees.

2. The Zebra Longwing is Florida’s state _______ _______ _______. They feed on nectar and pollen allowing them to survive for several months instead of the typical two to four week lifespan of most butterflies.

3. The _______ _______ is an omnivore (an animal that eats both meat and plants). As you walk through the Gardens, look for fruits, insects and lizards that these bushy tailed mammals might find tasty.

4. The Great Horned _______ is one of the few predators that will eat stinky skunks. And that’s not because skunks smell bad. Most birds have almost no sense of smell. This nocturnal bird is one of the few big enough to catch and carry away a skunk during the night.

5. The _______ _______ _______ is Florida’s state bird. They have been known to copy the sound of frogs, other bird songs, and even car alarms!

6. Grey _______ _______ _______ can be white, brown or black. They may bite you if you try to feed them, too! Keep your fingers safe by collecting a pile of acorns and leave them at the bottom of a tree instead.

7. Eastern Indigo _______ _______ are native to Florida and protected by law. They like to live in gopher tortoise burrows. They do not have venom, and rarely bite. They regularly eat venomous snakes, like rattlesnakes and cottonmouths.

8. The _______ _______ fish are related to goldfish and carp. In Japan, these animals symbolize good fortune and luck. Make friends with some of ours by feeding them a bit of food from the feeders around the moat.

9. Furry _______ _______ _______ like to hunt birds and small mammals (like mice or rabbits) after sunset. Animals that do this are called nocturnal carnivores.

10. A gopher _______ _______ _______ is a shy reptile native to this area. They live in the sandhill community where they burrow into the sand and feed on plants. Their burrows provide homes for over 360 types of animals, from mice and frogs to snakes and rabbits. If you take a walk on the Pine Ridge Preserve Trail, you might see one.

Tile Post Locator
Use this map as a guide to locate our 10 tile posts around the Gardens. Each tile post has an engraving of an animal that can be found living in the Gardens.