

**Lecture 38**  
**Tropical Landscape Ornamentals**



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**Climate and plant adaptation determines suitability of ornamentals**

**Trees**

- Many large trees in the tropics
- Many flowering trees
- Wide use of palms
- Use of ferns and cycads
- Many ornamental bamboo species

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**Turf**

Temperate lawn grasses are not adaptable  
Many tropical grasses are coarse resemble crabgrass.

**Flowering shrubs and vines**

A wide variety of shrubby plants and vines  
Many of our indoor plants are landscape plants in the tropics

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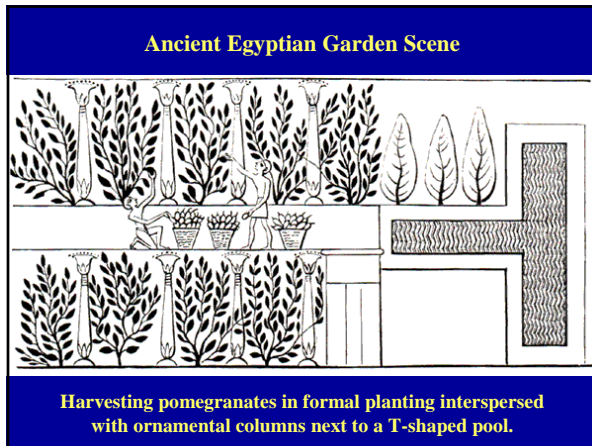
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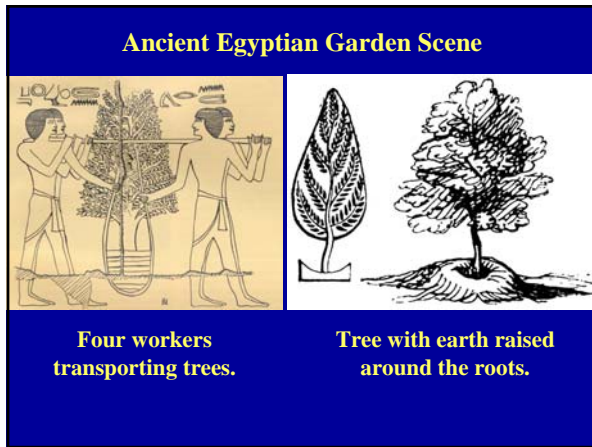
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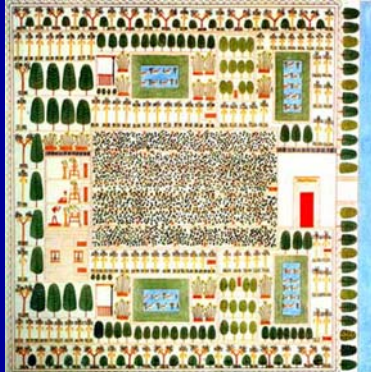
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## Garden Plan for a Wealthy Egyptian Estate

Note two types of palms: single trunk = date palm, bifurcated trunk = doum palm.



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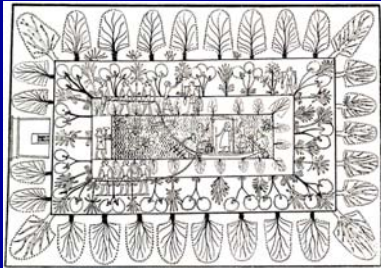
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## Formal Egyptian garden (Thebes ca. 1450 BCE)



The lotus pool, on which statue of the vizier Rekhmire is being towed by boat, faces a pavilion or summerhouse. Around the pool grow doum palms, date palms, acacias, and other trees and shrubs.

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## High Official's Garden

This late 19<sup>th</sup> century impression (1883) gives a bird's eye view.



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**Ancient Egyptian Garden Scenes  
(Thebes, ca. 1300 BCE)**



**Garden planted with fig, olive trees, and flowering plants containing a pavilion with steps leading down to the water, being irrigated by a row of shadufs.**

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**Hanging Gardens of Babylon. A 19th century conception.**

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**Date, Sinai**



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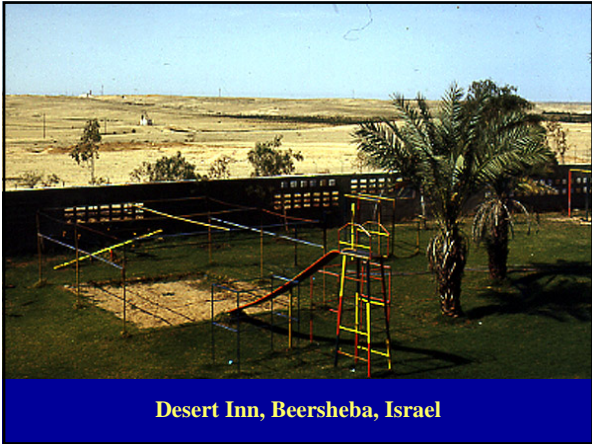
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Desert Inn, Beersheba, Israel

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Federal station at Mayaguez, Royal Palm, Puerto Rico

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Travelers Palm, Ecuador

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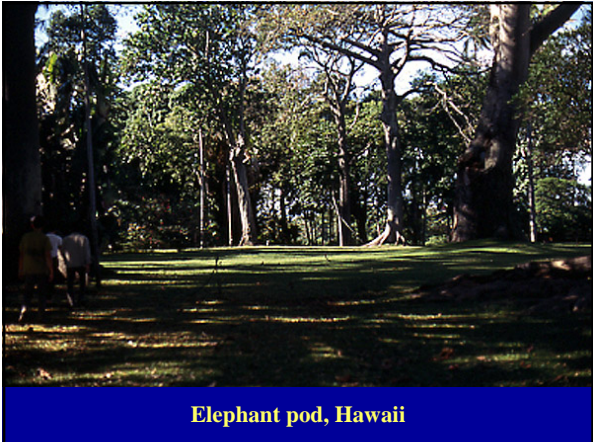
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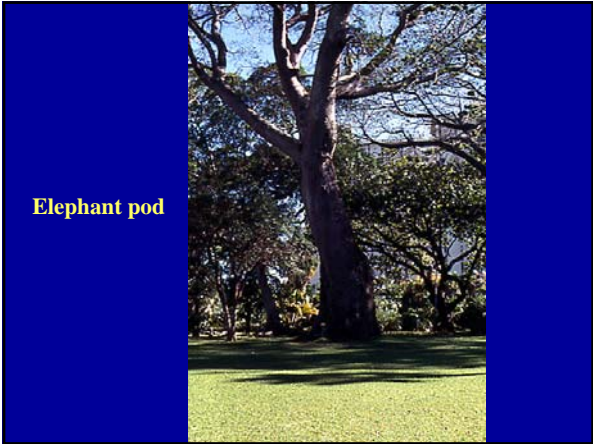
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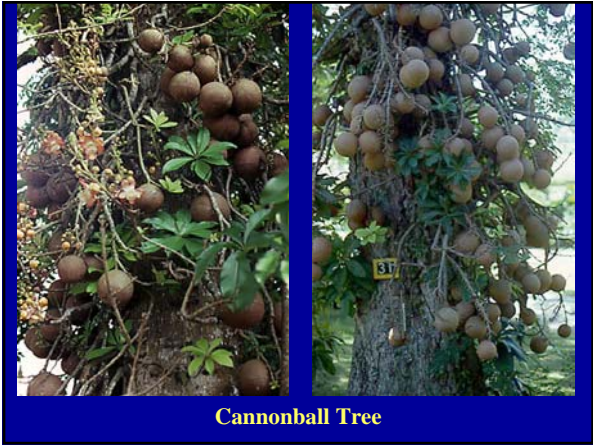
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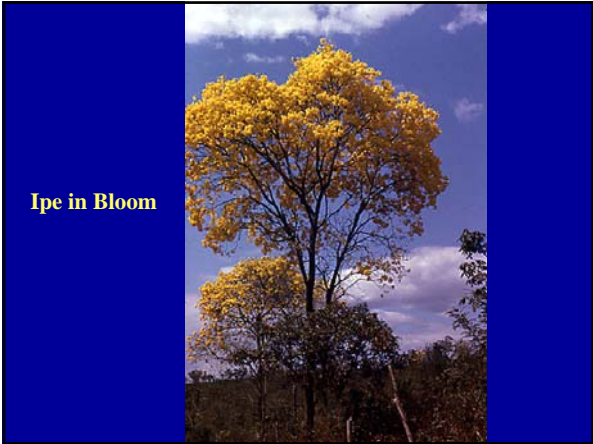
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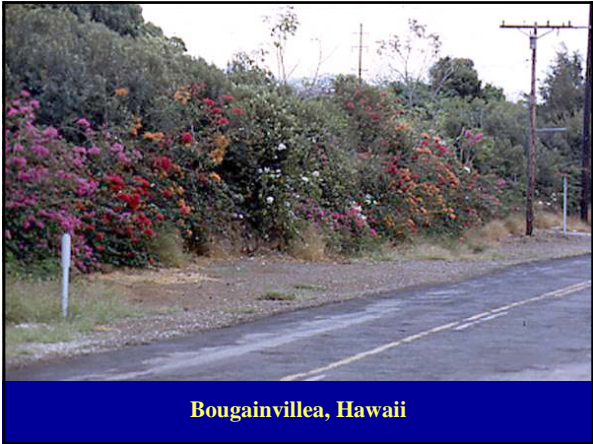
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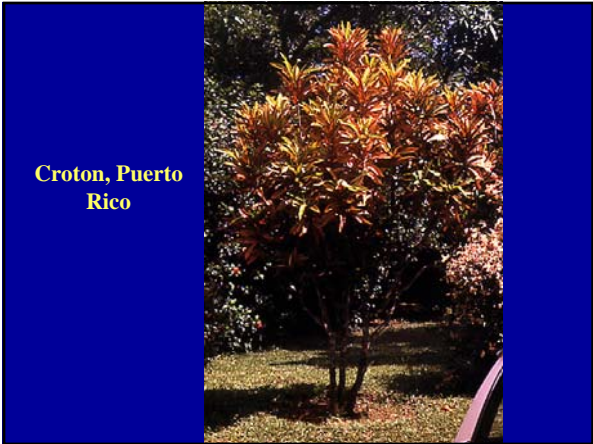
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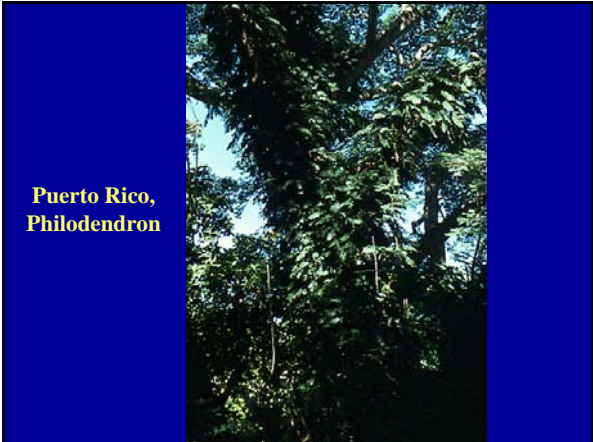
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Puerto Rico,  
Philodendron

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Inner Garden, American Consulate Brasilia

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Double Poinsettia

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Poinsettia

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Parking garage, Brazil

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