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Garfield Park Conservatory's

# Eye Spy

Hunt down these conservatory highlights by using both the picture and the Finding Fact clue. Start in the Palm House. Check off your finds on the magnifying glass. Good Luck!



Start Here!

### Finding Fact for Specimen #1

This plant is known as a "tank" bromeliad. The "tank" holds water and creates a mini-ecosystem for insects to live in. There are many specimens of this plant throughout the Palm House.



### Finding Fact for Specimen #2

Look for a "curtain of roots" growing in the Fern Room. These roots have adapted to absorb nutrients from the air. It is called the Split Leaf Philodendron and grows in lots of different places in the Fern Room. (Note: this plant is an Aroid, not a Fern!)



### Finding Fact for Specimen #3

Look for the Swiss Cheese Plant growing low on the ground in the Aroid House. A critter didn't eat the leaves—they grow these holes naturally! The holes are a defense mechanism that make it look unhealthy so critters in the rainforest floor don't want to eat it.

### Finding Fact for Specimen #6

Look for white creatures swimming around the pond in the Children's Garden. They are called Axolotls. Axolotls like to eat worms & can regrow a lost limb.



### Finding Fact for Specimen #5

Find the jade plant growing in the desert house. The fleshy leaves and stems are filled with water, enabling this succulent to survive in the harsh desert climate!



### Finding Fact for Specimen #4

Look for Koi fish swimming around in the Aroid House pond!

### Finding Fact for Specimen #7

Look for this "very sensitive" plant growing in the Children's Garden. Squeeze the leaves lightly between your fingers, and see what happens!



### Finding Fact for Specimen #8

Can you find a banana grove in the Sugar from the Sun Exhibit? Look for the long smooth stalk of a banana plant. Did you know there's no such thing as a banana tree? The banana plant is very large, but it does not have bark, hence it's not a tree!

Finished!



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# Eye Spy Answer Key Map

