

**PHOTO CAPTION: Countdown to Chelsea: Final preparations made at Eden Project for Fauna & Flora show garden**



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Jilayne Rickards, designer of the [Fauna & Flora Garden](#) at RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2023, visited the [Eden Project](#) in Cornwall to check on progress of the plants being grown for the Central Africa-based show garden – one of her last visits before the garden build commences in May.

Offering RHS Chelsea Flower Show visitors a window into the spectacular Afrotropical landscape of Central Africa, the Fauna & Flora Garden will celebrate the charity's mountain gorilla conservation work. The garden maps the journey of an ecotourist on a gorilla trek, tracing a rough track through a succession of lush and changing landscapes on either side of the Protected Forest Area boundary wall.

Eden Project is supplying many of the garden's tropical plants – including banana trees, giant lobelia and African tulip trees - and, after Chelsea, the Garden will be relocated to Eden's world-famous rainforest biome.

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**Image caption 1:** Catherine Cutler, Biomes Manager, Eden Project; Sofia Parra, Horticulturist, Eden Project; Jilayne Rickards, Garden Designer; and Cath Lawson, Senior Programme Manager, Eastern Africa, Fauna & Flora. © Stephanie Foote / Fauna & Flora

**From left:** Tim Grigg, Living Landscape Educator, Eden Project; Jilayne Rickards, Garden Designer; and Catherine Cutler, Biomes Manager, Eden Project – inspecting a tithonia rotundifolia Goldfinger. © Stephanie Foote / Fauna & Flora

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Fauna & Flora was the world's first international wildlife conservation organisation, established well over a century ago. Today, the charity works with local partners in almost 50 countries to protect threatened species and their habitats. Together with its partners, Fauna & Flora is safeguarding some of the world's most iconic animal species, but as its name suggests is also heavily involved in plant conservation

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