

## PALMETUM of TENERIFE INAUGURATION

### Inauguración del Palmétum de Santa Cruz de Tenerife

When the International Palm Society Board of Directors held its October 2011 meeting in the Canary Islands, a highlight was a visit to the Palmetum of Santa Cruz, Tenerife which was under development. As described by IPS Director Carlo Morici who was deeply involved in its conception and realization, "A landfill is being converted into a botanical garden in an almost magical way."

January 28, 2014 the garden was formally inaugurated. After many years of labor sometimes interrupted by disaster and neglect, this moment represents an enormous accomplishment.

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*Photo top right: In the Madagascar section, Prince Felipe and Princess Letizia of Asturias center; Paulino Rivero, President of the Canarian Government at left, IPS Director Carlo Morici to right. Bottom right: Carlo Morici and the royal visitors; Manuel Caballero (wearing hat)*

*El presidente del Gobierno de Canarias, Paulino Rivero, asistió al acto de inauguración del Palmetum de Santa Cruz de Tenerife, presidido por los Príncipes de Asturias.*



Building living plant collections  
to support conservation:

### A guide for public gardens



The foundation of public gardens is built on the amazing diversity of the world's plants, yet today more than 20% of plant species are in danger of extinction.

Your garden has the power to ensure extinction isn't an option by strategically building and using your collection to support conservation of threatened species. In doing so, you contribute to the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and support global efforts to halt the continuing loss of plant diversity.

This guide provides a general blueprint to help you strategically build your collection for conservation.



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# Results of an IPS Endowment Grant Award

## News from Dr. Patrick Griffith, Director of Montgomery Botanical Center

I am excited to report another outcome resulting from an IPS Endowment Fund Grant (submitted 2006, awarded 2007). This is a living conservation collections guide, published by Botanic Gardens Conservation International. You will see IPS acknowledged on the last page. (Click link to left to view)

This grant was from some years ago, but was critical to this line of work. I remain very, very grateful for the funding from IPS which allowed MBC to start this area of research. Assessing our collections in this way has been a wonderful advance for us here at Montgomery, and our colleagues at BGCI believe this will be very helpful to the community as well.

--- Dr. Patrick Griffith

IPS Members attending the 2014 Biennial in South Florida will enjoy a presentation by Dr. Griffith at the Welcome Banquet. The final stop on the Biennial Itinerary will be at Montgomery Botanical Center for a picnic lunch and guided tours of the 48.5-hectare (120 acre) garden's exceptional collections.



[Dr. Patrick Griffith introduces Montgomery Botanical Center in this video.](#)

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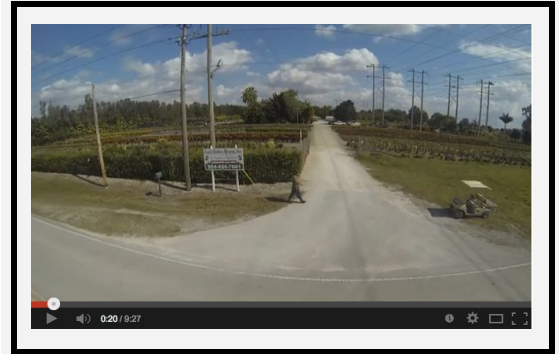
# Aerial Flyover of the Searle Brothers Nursery

produced by Travis Searle

Day One of the IPS Biennial will conclude with a barbecue at the Searle Brothers Nursery in Broward County, Florida. For a preview of this extensive operation, see this incredible video made using a Quadcopter and a GoPro camera similar to the photo at right.



Photo of a DJI Phantom, Quadcopters Co.UK



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Please be sure your seat belt is securely fastened!

## Video Highlights

- 2:30 - One of Jeff's first ever **Foxtail Palms, *Wodyetia bifurcata***, on the left in the landscape next to the overhang roof. It was also one of the first specimens in South Florida.
- 3:01 - A pause before continuing. Flying under the popular Royal Poinciana took some careful piloting.
- 3:33 - **Cuban Belly Palm, *Acrocomia crispa***, on the corner next to the shadehouse.
- 3:46 - **Jeff** has his hand on a ***Coccothrinax sp. 'Azul'***, then following soon by...
- 3:49 - ***Beccariophoenix alfredii***.
- 4:27 - The mystery and ultra compact ***Coccothrinax sp.*** with a hand from Jeff.
- 5:25 - A ***Pelagodoxa henryana*** that had spent the week in the booth over at TPIE.
- 6:19 - The grouping of ***Licuala peltata var. sumawongii*** that resides near the sidewalk intersection.
- 7:00 - **Jeff** shows a group of ***Cyrtostachys sp. 'Hybrid'*** specimens.
- 7:36 - A **Dwarf Betel Nut Palm, *Areca catechu var. 'dwarf'*** just off the sidewalk.
- 8:26 - Did a quick U-turn to show the two ***Beccariophoenix madagascariensis*** that border the exit to the main shadehouse.

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