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# Botanical Garden

at The Palestine Institute for  
Biodiversity and Sustainability (PIBS)



Protect Beauty  
by Protecting Our Environment





## About

The botanical garden of PIBS at Bethlehem University's Mar Andrea Campus sits on 12 dunams in an urban area. It has been gradually taking its shape since 2015. Today, the Garden is home to over 370 vascular wild plant species, of which more than 60 are rare and endangered. The Garden is a key part of PIBS in promoting research, education, and conservation. It has also become an oasis for plants, animals, and people, offering peace and tranquility amidst colonial oppression.

## Goals

1. Provide resources (plant cultivation, herbarium, library, databases) for research and protect the flora of Palestine. See more at <https://www.palestinenature.org/botanical-garden/>.
2. Create a responsible interaction between society and the surrounding environment through a set of educational modules (biogas, compost, insect motels etc).

## Do...

- 1) Walk only on designated paths
- 2) Watch where you are stepping
- 3) Use your senses (observe the scenery, listen to sounds of the birds and insects, touch and smell the plants)
- 4) Invoke your curiosity and creativity
- 5) Respect nature
- 6) Keep flowers for other to see
- 7) Through your garbage in the trash
- 8) Ask questions, and volunteering at PMNH!



### Sections of the Botanical Garden

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Wild plants area       | 12. Playground                        |
| 2. Rare plants area       | 13. Nursery                           |
| 3. Orchids area           | 14. Hydroponics and Aquaponic systems |
| 4. Iris area              | 15. Compost area                      |
| 5. Bird hide              | 16. Green wall                        |
| 6. Beehives               | 17. Herbarium                         |
| 7. Tortoise breeding area | 18. Rest area                         |
| 8. Ecopond                | 19. Amphitheater                      |
| 9. Greenhouses            | 20. Biogas                            |
| 10. Aviary                | 21. Vermiculture                      |
| 11. Community garden      | 22. Tool shed                         |
|                           | 23. Ethnography garden                |

