

Christmas heliconia



Plant Botanical Name:

Heliconia angusta

USBG Plant Location:

Conservatory

Plant Threat Level:

Vulnerable

Heliconia angusta, known as Christmas heliconia, due to the red and white flowers that usually emerge during the holiday season. Native to southeastern Colombia, it is now classified as vulnerable by IUCN because its natural habitats have been converted to agricultural purposes. However, the genetic diversity has been preserved through conservation. The popularity of *Heliconia angusta* as a tropical garden plant and horticultural specimen has encouraged widespread propagation of this species, which is readily available.

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