

# Big words, simple meanings...



**Endemic**



**Native**



**Introduced**



**Invasive**

Not all plants that grow in Montserrat are originally from this island. Some originated here, others came from other countries. **What are the differences?**

**Endemic plant:** occurs naturally within a limited area. Montserrat endemics are unique to the island.

**Native plant:** occurs naturally in an area and was not introduced by man. Native plants also occur in areas outside Montserrat.

**Introduced plant:** brought by humans, perhaps as a crop or garden plant or as cargo, into a new area. Introduced plants are not native to Montserrat.

**Invasive plant:** an introduced plant that spreads widely through its new habitat, harming native plant and animal communities.



Conservationists collecting plant specimens to increase knowledge of the Centre Hills vegetation.



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# Endemic Plants of Montserrat: *Epidendrum montserratense*

This orchid is endemic to Montserrat because it grows here and nowhere else on Earth. It is usually found growing on old trees.



Botanists from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew are working with Darwin Initiative Project Partners in Montserrat to conserve this species.

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Attaching a rescued orchid to a tree in the Montserrat National Trust Botanic Garden.



## Endemic Plants of Montserrat: *Rondeletia buxifolia*

A shrub of the coffee family that is endemic to Montserrat because it grows here and nowhere else on Earth.

Botanists from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew are working with Darwin Initiative Project Partners in Montserrat to conserve this species.



Darwin field officers, Jervaine Greenaway and Calvin Fenton, collecting specimens in the Centre Hills.

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# Endemic Plants of Montserrat: *Xylosma serratum*



This plant is endemic to Montserrat because it grows here and nowhere else on Earth. It has not been recorded in the wild since the late 1970s. Its only known habitat, Great Alps Falls, now lies under pyroclastic flow!



Botanists from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew are working with Darwin Initiative Project Partners in Montserrat to find this species.



## Have you seen this plant?

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Photos of herbarium specimens from the Natural History Museum, London.

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