



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 Brazil, this *Heliconia* is classified as vulnerable by IUCN because its natural habitats have been converted to agricultural purposes. However, the genetic diversity has been preserved through *ex situ* conservation. The popularity of *Heliconia angusta* as a tropical garden plant and horticultural specimen has encouraged widespread propagation of this species, so that it is now readily available.

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