

Madeira - The Floating Garden

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Botanic Garden



Broom - *Cytisus scoparius* - Pico Ruivo



Cardoon - *Cynara cardunculus*



Evening meal

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Day 1

Tuesday 3rd June

Weather: Funchal; warm and sunny spells with some cloud cover

We met at Gatwick Airport for an early (6.30a.m.) flight to Madeira. On arrival at Funchal we had a 30 minute transfer to our hotel, the Residential Pina where, after settling into our rooms, we had a light lunch. With the afternoon ahead we briefly discussed options for exploring Funchal.

The centre of Funchal is readily accessible from Residential Pina and an enjoyable place to explore and appreciate the different planted street trees which include, in particular, Jacaranda (*Jacaranda mimosifolia*), Pride of Bolivia (*Tipuana tipu*), Yellow Trumpet tree (*Markhamia platyacalyx*), African Tulip Tree (*Spathodea campanulata*), Coral Tree (*Erythrina abyssinica*), Brazilian Kapok Tree (*Celba speciosa*), Queensland Kauri (*Agathis brownie*) and the Flame Tree (*Brachychiton acerifolium*).

Whilst there are a large number of gardens in Funchal the focus for our initial tour was the Municipal Garden; an elderly, elegant and remarkable little garden. Designed by Edouard Andre and built in 1880 the original bandstand and rails were removed around 1935 and the garden subsequently developed a more intimate link with the small square that sits within.

The garden contains a number of large trees; Beautiful Shade (*Aganthus orientalis*), Ombú (*Phytolacca dioica*) and *Celba spp.* In addition there are some new plantings including the Sausage Tree, (*Kigelia Africana*) with its strange hanging fruit.

In addition, local gardens contain a variety of cultivated plants including Tropical Hydrangea Tree (*Dombeya wallichii*), Tricoloured Frangipani (*Plumeria tricolour*), Yellow Angles Trumpet (*Brugmansia candida*), Chinese Hibiscus (*Hibiscus rosa sinensis*), and Bougainvillea (*Bougainvillea glabra*).

Tonight we ate at the excellent Restaurante dos Combatentes on the edge of the Municipal garden where a number of people enjoyed Funchal's 'signature dish', the local Scabbard Fish.

Day 2

Wednesday 4th June

Weather: Cool, cloudy with light rain in the mountains around Ribeiro Frio

Our focus today was to explore the Laurel Forests around Ribeiro Frio and to familiarize ourselves with the principle forest trees and plants of this important habitat which has been designated a World Heritage site.

From our hotel in Funchal we drove north ascending through planted forests of Eucalipus and then Douglas Fir, over the central ridge at Paso de Poiso and down to Ribeiro Frio. Along the roadsides down to Ribeiro Frio we saw examples of the Madeiran national flower Pride of Madeira* (*Echium candicans*), conspicuous flowers of Argyranthemum* (*Argyranthemum pinnatifolium*) and the Madeira Marsh Orchid* (*Dactylorhiza foliosa*).

At Ribeiro Frio we stopped initially to look at a small garden of planted woodland opposite the trout farm. This is an important site because it was planted in 1960 by the Regional Forestry Service when the construction of new roads in the 1950's threatened pristine forest habitats. The shrubby Yellow Foxglove* (*Isoplexis scaptrum*) was probably saved from extinction by this little garden. Our visit also provide an opportunity to familiarise ourselves with a number of the common trees of the Laurel Forest. Laurels that occur within the forest are notoriously difficult to identify when not in flower, along with other notable indigenous plants and rarities such as Madeira Holly* (*Ilex perado*) and Appolonia* (*Appollonias barbujana*).

After an enjoyable walk around the garden we began our walk along Levada Balcoes. The levadas provide both a level walk and an excellent route from which to observe the Laurel Forest. The principle tree species were Azores Laurel (*Laurus azorica*) with its parasitic Madeiran Laurel Fungus (*Laurobasidium lauri*), Feted Laural (*Ocotea foetens*) and occasionally Lily of the Valley Tree (*Clethra arborea*). The smaller tree and shrub species include Bessom Heath (*Erica scoparia*), Maderian Bilberry (*Vaccinium padifolium*) and Tree Heather (*Erica arborea*). The invasion of the forest by non native species included English Oak (*Quercus robur*) and Scycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*). Along the edges of the levada we found Anemone-leaved Crane's-bill (*Geranium palmatum*), Madeiran Stonecrop* (*Aichyrison divaricatum*) and the ubiquitous endemic Madeiran Moneywort* (*Sibthorpia peregrine*). We also found Yellow-flowered Strawberry (*Dunchensea indica*) along with our first views of Black Parsley (*Melanoselinum decipens*).

We walked the short distance to the lookout point where had excellent views of the landscape of the Ribeira da Metade beyond. A Bystropogen (*Bystropogen maderensis*) and a St. John's Wort (*Hypericum canariensis*) were seen in the rock face adjacent to the view point and Madeiran Chaffinches (*Fringilla coelebs maderensis*) perched close by in search of food.

We returned to our bus and made a short drive up to a picnic area on Pico do Arieiro (1818 metres) where, despite the continuing cloudy weather, we had lunch below Maritime Pine (*Pinus pinaster*).

After lunch we returned to Ribeiro Frio to walk Levada Portela, to continue our exploration of the Laurel Forests. In addition to the Laurel species already encountered we found Shrubby Sow Thistle* (*Sonchus fruticosus*), Butchers Broom (*Ruscus strepophyllus*) and Madeira Elder* (*Sambucus lanceolata*)

As a result of the cool weather there was no butterfly activity and few birds beyond Madeiran Chaffich were seen. Although we heard Madeiran Firecrests they proved elusive. Tonight we ate at Espaco Funchal

Day 3

Thursday 5th June

Weather: Cloudy and wet on the coast at first. Mainly clear and warm above the cloud base on the mountain.

Our focus today was to see Madeira's mountain habitat on Pico Ruivo; at 1862m Madeira's highest peak. The mountains of Madeira are not high when compared to other mountain peaks but they do rise spectacularly directly from sea level. Tree Heather (*Erica arborea*) and Besom heath (*Erica scoparia*) replace the Laurel forest at altitude and become scattered bushes within an open vegetation. The hillsides were also yellow from the Broom (*Cystisus scoparius*).

Our walk into this open mountain vegetation began from the car park 270 m below the summit and approx 2 km from the peak. As we made our ascent up Pico Ruivo the cloud began to clear providing us with a spectacular sun drenched mountain landscape emerging directly from the cloud.

Whilst looking at our first Berthelot's Pipit we also found Slender Bird's-foot Trefoil (*Lotus angustissimus*) and Common Bird's-foot (*Ornithopus perpusillus*). Basil (*Clinopodium vulgare*) was also seen flowering

We found several non flowering specimens of Madeiran Hawkweed* (*Tolpis macrorhiza*) growing in the edge of the path. Andryala (*Andryala glandulosa* spp *varia*) was seen sporadically along the route and Large-leaved Buttercup (*Ranunculus cortusifolius* ssp. *minor*) was seen growing in a damp cliff face.

With the Refugio in sight we also discovered Willow-leaved Carline Thistle (*Carlina salicifolia*) and saw our first patches of Mountain Thyme (*Thymus caespitosus*), Yellow Odontites (*Odontites holliana*) and Rock Cress (*Arabis alpine* spp *caucasica*).

The hut provided a welcome rest and an opportunity to eat our lunch before completing the final climb to the peak. The vegetation on the south face of Pico Ruivo had been damaged by fire but the open vegetation included a white flowering Thistle* (*Carduus squarrosus*) which had undoubtedly blown in from lower altitudes. At the summit we saw Madeiran Yellow Violet* (*Viola paradoxa*) growing on a ledge alongside Mealy Stone Crop* (*Sedum farinosum*) and on walking out to the north eastern edge of the peak we also found Maderian Heather* (*Erica maderensis*)

We made our return trip via Porta da Cruz and looked around one of the few remaining sugar cane production mills and distilleries on the island. The Companhia dos Enghenos do Norte produces a small amount of Aguardente, a rum-like spirit used in the traditional Poncha liqueur.

This visit was followed by a short walk around the coastal headland where we saw Madeiran Birds-foot Trefoil (*Lotus glaucus*), Rock Samphire (*Crithmum maritimum*) and Buck's-horn Plantain (*Plantago coronopus*). In addition we had good views of a Canary adjacent to the mill and a finally, after a short walk around the headland, a coffee stop.

This evening we ate at Restaurante dos Combatentes

Day 4

Friday 6th June

Weather: Cloudy and windy, becoming warmer in the afternoon.

Today we drove east to the peninsular of Ponta de Sao Louenco. The landscape of Sao Louenco is a low undulating terrain, dry and exposed, more like the outlying Desertas Islands than of other parts of Madeira. The original coastal vegetation, probably a low bushland, has become degraded to a heath like grassland through human occupation but contains a range of plants not easily seen elsewhere on Madeira. There were also excellent views of lava flows and dyke swarms.

We split into groups, some taking the opportunity to have a long walk out to the Information Centre towards the end of the peninsular.

The peninsular already appeared very dry and the grassland had turned brown. Along the path we saw small patches of Aizoon (*Aizoon canariensis*) hugging the ground and specimens of Cardoon* (*Cynara cardunculus var ferocissima*) and Boar Thistle (*Galactites tomentosa*) along the path edges along with Purple Viper's Bugloss (*Echium plantagineum*).

Walking along the track to the first viewpoint we saw the yellow fruit of the Apple of Sodom (*Solanum linnaeanum*), the yellow flowering Spotted Golden Thistle (*Scolymus maculatus*) and nearby the lighter yellow flowers of a Safflower (*Carthamus lanatus*).

On our approach to the first viewpoint we found Sea Campion (*Silene uniflora*) and the Andryala* (*Andryala glandulosa* spp *glandulosa*). Beyond the first viewpoint we discovered an Ice Plant (*Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum*) and Common Ice Plant (*Mesembryanthemum cristil*). We also saw found Everlasting (*Helichrysum devium*), *Helechrysum obconicum* and Madeira Sea Stock *(*Matthiola maderensis*).

Returning from our linear walk to the first viewing point a number of us walked down the valley to the stony beach where we found the only location on Madeira for Castilian Gorse (*Launaea arborescens*).

We moved on to Garajau where the huge statue of Christo Rei (erected in 1927) stands with outstretched arms on a headland 200 metres above the sea welcoming visitors to the island. During our approach to Garajau we saw Golden Musschia* (*Musschia aurea*) growing in a wall.

This location provided an opportunity to see some of the surviving flora of the south coast at close hand including Fish Stunning Spurge* (*Euphorbia piscatoria*), Globe Flower* (*Globularia salicina*), Disk Houseleek* (*Aeonium glandulosum*), Viscid Houseleek* (*Aeonium glutinosum*) and Burnt Sow Thistle* (*Soncus ustulatus* subsp *maderensis*). We also saw a number of introduced plants including Prickly pear (*Opuntia tuna*) and Shrub Tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*).

This evening we ate an enjoyable but plain meal at Restaurante Velinho in the old town.

Day 5

Saturday 7th June

Weather: Cloudy, becoming brighter and warm 21°C

This was a free day and everyone took the opportunity to visit one or more of the very well known and accessible gardens; the Botanic Garden, Monte Palace Garden or the Blandy Garden. The starting point for some was a horse ride.

The Botanic Garden was created in 1960 from the older garden of Quinta Reid which was established as a garden in 1881. It is a lovely garden and as well as a huge range of garden plants from around the world it gives the opportunity to see some of the endemic plant species which one might not managed to find in a native situation such as Madeiran Geranium* (*Geranium maderensis*). We also found Perez's Frogs in the water features, Short-tailed Blue butterflies occurring on hedges and European Speckled Wood butterflies in the shaded walkways of the woodland garden.

Monte Palace Garden was established in its current form in the 1980's by Jose Berarado. It is designed within a valley around a Japanese theme and lies on the site of an older garden from which the older trees survive. A water course descends through the garden in a range of waterfalls and ponds. The strong architectural design has been softened by the maturing planting. The garden contains a wide variety of garden plants from around the world along with plants from the laurel forest.

The Blandy Garden, Quinta do Palheiro Ferreiro has a history stretching back 200 years. The property was founded in 1791 and acquired by John Blandy in 1885. The Blandy family made numerous changes to the property however it was Mildred Blandy in the early 1900's who made the garden one of the most celebrated botanical collections in the world.

We ate at Restaurante dos Combatentes

Day 6

Sunday 8th June

Weather: Cloudy and overcast. Cloud clearing at times around Encumeada

Today we explored a number of different habitats within the central highlands of Madeira. Our original route onto the plateau of Paul da Serra via Encumeada was cut off by a landslide so we drove initially via Canhas then directly to Rabacal, where we walked down the track to the government office. The walk passed through a natural landscape dominated by Tree Heather (*Erica arborea*) and Bessom Heath (*Erica scoparia*), which replaces the Laural forests at altitude.

From the government building we walked the shorter route along the Levada do Risco to the waterfall. The warm morning sun brought numerous butterflies including both Speckled Wood and Maderian Speckled Wood on the levada glades. Along the Levada we found several spikes of Rock Orchid (*Orchis scopulorum*) and Rockcress (*Arabis alpine* subsp. *caucasica*). As we approached the end of the gorge we caught sight of a Trocaz Pigeon, a bird endemic to Madeira and intimately linked to the Laurel forest where it feeds on and spreads the seed of the principle trees.

We retraced our route and had our picnic at the top of the track where the early sun had finally given way to a rather misty landscape. After lunch we travelled across the high plan of Paul de Serra and then north towards Ribeira and the coast road stopping enroute at a number of viewing points to get some spectacular views of the north coast.

Tonight by popular demand we ate at O Jango in the old town.

Day 7

Monday 9th June

Weather: Bright and sunny.

Today we looked at the habitats along the north coast of the island which differs from the south because of the significantly greater rainfall. Our first stop was in search of the last native Dragon Tree (*Dracena draco*) on the island at Ribeira Brava. The young specimen, a tree of about 20 years old, is now the only natural relic of trees which once covered much of the south coast. Fortunately Dragon Trees are now being bred and replanted to retain the native habitat.

We purchased our picnic lunch at Ribeiro Brava before heading north through Serra de Agua and the long (3km) road tunnel under Pico do Cera. After Sao Vicente, we travelled west and stopped to walk a section of the now closed and redundant coast road where we encountered wonderful examples of Disc Houseleek* (*Aeonium glandulosum*), Rock Samphire* (*Crithmum maritimum*), White Everlasting* (*Helichrysum melaleucum*), a Hawkweed* (*Tolopsis succulenta*), Brookweed (*Samolus valerandi*) and Bastard Hare's Ear (*Phyllis noble*). We also found the uncommon Kidney-leafed Fern* (*Adiantum reniforme*).

After our coastal walk we visited Chao de Ribeira, south of Seixal, and briefly explored the Laurel forest in this location where we found examples of Maderian Mahogany* (*Persea indica*) and the Lily of the Valley Tree* (*Clethra arborea*). In cultivated ground before the forest we came across the Tree Tomato (*Cyphomandra betacea*).

Our picnic was taken adjacent to the river. After lunch we found the Maderian Saxifrage* (*Saxifraga madreensis*) growing in a cliff face on the opposite shore. We continued west for a few kilometres to Porto Moniz where several people enjoyed swimming in the spectacular natural rock pools on the seafront.

Our return was via the spectacular sea cliff of Cabo Gerao which, at 580 metres high, is the highest sea cliff in Europe.

We ate an excellent meal at Restaurante dos Combatentes

Day 8

Tuesday 10th June

Weather: Sunny with some cloud.

We were picked up by Paul for our return journey to the airport to catch our 12.15p.m. plane having seen a range of the natural and man-made habitats of the island.

Species List

Plants

Scientific name	Common name	Location
PTERIDOPHYTES	FERNS & ALLIES	
Selaginellaceae	Lesser Clubmoss Family	
<i>Selaginella denticulate</i>	A Clubmoss	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Selaginella kraussiana</i>	Krauss's Spikemoss	Ribeiro Frio - Portela
Adiantaceae	Maidenhair Fern Family	
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern	Old Coast road
<i>Anogramma leptophylla</i>	Jersey Fern	Ribeiro Frio - Portela
<i>Adiantum reniforme</i>		Old Coast road
Aspleniaceae	Spleenwort Family	
<i>Asplenium monanthes</i>	A Spleenwort	Ribeiro Frio - Portela
<i>Asplenium onopteris</i>		
Blechnaceae	Hard Fern Family	
<i>Blechnum spicant</i>	Hard Fern	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Woodwardia radicans</i>	Chain Fern	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Davalliaceae	Hare's-foot Fern Family	
<i>Davallia canariensis</i>	Hare's-foot Fern	Ribeiro Frio - Portela
Dennstaedtiaceae	Bracken Family	
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	Throughout
Dryopteridaceae	Buckler Fern Family	
<i>Dryopteris affinis</i> subsp. <i>Affinis</i>	Scaly Male Fern	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Polystichum setiferum</i>	Soft Shield fern	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Hymenophyllaceae	Filmy Fern Family	
<i>Hymenophyllum tunbrigense</i>	Tunbridge Filmy Fern	Ribeiro Frio - Portela
Polypodiaceae	Polypody Family	
<i>Polypodium macaronesicum</i>	Macaronesian Polypody	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Pteridaceae	Ribbon Fern Family	
<i>Pteris vittata</i>	Ladder Brake	Funchal
Thelypteridaceae		
<i>Stegnogramma pozoi</i>		Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Woodsiaceae	Lady Fern Family	
<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	Lady Fern	Ribeiro Frio - Portela
PINOPSIDA (GYMNOSPERMS)	CONIFERS	
Cupressaceae	Juniper Family	
<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>	Japanese Red Cedar	Ribeiro Frio
<i>Juniperus phoenicea</i>	Phoenician Juniper	Encumeada
<i>Cupressus macrocarpa</i>	Monterey Cypress	Ribeiro Frio - Portela

Scientific name	Common name	Location
Pinaceae	Pine Family	
<i>Cedrus atlantica</i>	Atlas Cedar	
<i>Pinus pinaster</i>	Maritime Pine	Pico Ariero
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Stone or Umbrella Pine	Occasional - Planted
<i>Pinus halapensis</i>	Aleppo Pine	Road to So Laurenco
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	Douglas Fir	Road to Ribeiro Frio
MAGNOLIOPSIDA (ANGIOSPERMS)	FLOWERING PLANTS	
	Magnoliidae (Dicotyledons)	
Acanthaceae	Bear's-breech Family	
<i>Acanthus mollis</i>	Bear's-breech	Roadside - Funchal
Aceraceae	Maple Family	
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore	Ribeiro Frio
Aizoaceae	Dewplant Family	
<i>Aizoon canariensis</i>	Aizoon	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum</i>	An Ice-plant	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Mesembryanthemum crystallinum</i>	Common Ice-plant	Ponta de Sao Lourence
Amaranthaceae	Pigweed Family	
<i>Achyranthes aspera</i>	-	Pt Garajani
Apiaceae	Carrot Family	
<i>Ammi majus</i>	False Bishop's Weed	So Laurenco
<i>Apium nodiflorum</i>	Fools Water Cress	West of Sao Vicente
<i>Brasica nigra</i>	Black Mustard	Roadside
<i>Brassica oleracea acephala</i>	Portugese Cabbage	Cultivated
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel	Pt Garajani
<i>Melanoselinum decipiens*</i>	Black Parsley	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Rock Samphire	Porto da Cruz
<i>Oenanthe divaricata*</i>	Madeira Water Dropwort	West of Sao Vicente
Aquifoliaceae	Holly Family	
<i>Ilex perado subsp. Perado</i>	Madeira Holly	Ribeiro Frio
Araceae		
<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	Green Taro	West of Sao Vicente
Araliaceae	Ivy Family	
<i>Hedera helix subsp. canariensis</i>	Ivy	Ribeiro Frio
Asteraceae	Daisy Family	
<i>Ageratina adenophora</i>	White Eupatorium	West of Sao Vicente
<i>Andryala glandulosa subsp. glandulosa</i>	Andryala	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Andryala glandulosa subsp. varia</i>	Andryala	Pico Ruivo
<i>Andryala crithmifolia</i>		Roadsides
<i>Anthemis cotula</i>		Ribeiro Frio
<i>Argyranthemum pinnatifidum ssp.pinnatifidum*</i>	Argyranthemum	Ribeiro Frio
<i>Argyranthemum pinnatifidum ssp.succulentum*</i>	Mandon's Chrysanthemum	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Bidens pilosa var.minor</i>	A Bur-marigold	Roadside - Monti Palace
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold	Ponta de Sao Lourence

Scientific name	Common name	Location
<i>Carduus squarrosus</i>	A Thistle	Pico Ruivo
<i>Carlina salicifolia</i> *	Willow-leaved Carlina Thistle	Pico Ruivo
<i>Carthamus lanata</i>	A Safflower	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Cichorium endivia divaricatum</i>	Chicory	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Cynara cardunculus var ferocissima</i>	Cardoon	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Delairea odorata</i>	German Ivy	West of Sao Vicente
<i>Erigeron karvinskianus</i>	Mexican Fleabane	Ribeiro Frio
<i>Filago minima</i>	Small Cudweed	Pico Ruivo
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Galactites	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Galinsoga parviflora</i>	Gallant Soldier	Roadside - Funchal
<i>Helichrysum devium</i> *	Everlasting	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Helichrysum melaleucum</i> *	White Everlasting	Ribeiro Frio
<i>Helichrysum obconicum</i> *	Everlasting	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	Smooth Cat's-ear	Pico Ruivo
<i>Hypochaeris radiata</i>	Rough cat's-ear	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Launaea arborescens</i>		Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Lapsana communis</i>	Nipplewort	Roadside
<i>Pericaulis aurita</i> *	Madeira Groundsel	Ribeiro Frio
<i>Scolymus maculatus</i>	Spotted Golden Thistle	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Groundsel	Funchal
<i>Sonchus fruticosus</i> *	Shrubby Sow Thistle	Ribeiro Frio
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow Thistle	Funchal
<i>Sonchus pinnatus</i> *	A Sow Thistle	Slopes above Funchal
<i>Sonchus ustulatus subsp. maderensis</i> *	Burnt Sow Thistle	Cancela Garajau
<i>Sonchus ustulatus subsp. ustulatus</i> *	Burnt Sow Thistle	West of Sao Vicente
<i>Tolpis macrorrhiza</i> *	Madeira Hawkweed	Pico Ruivo
<i>Tolpis succulenta</i> *	Hawkweed	Ponta de Sao Lourence
Boraginaceae	Forget-me-not Family	
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Viper's Bugloss	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Echium candicans</i> *	Pride of Madeira	Ribeiro Frio
<i>Echium nervosum</i> *	Small Pride of Madeira	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Myosotis secunda</i>	Creeping Forget-me-not	Pico Arevo
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family	
<i>Arabis alpina subsp. caucasica</i>	Rockcress	Rabbacal
<i>Eruca sativa</i>	Rocket	
<i>Matthiola maderensis</i> *	Madeira Sea-stock	Ponta do Sao Lourenco
<i>Rapistrum rugosum subsp. orientale</i>	Bastard Cabbage	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Sinapidendron gymnocalyx</i> *	Naked-calyx Rock-cress	West of Sao Vicente
<i>Teesdalia nudicaulis</i>	Shepherd's Cress	Pico Ruivo
Cactaceae	Cactus Family	
<i>Opuntia tuna</i>	Elephant-ear Prickly Pear	Throughout
Campanulaceae	Bellflower Family	
<i>Musschia wollastonii</i> *	Wollaston's Musschia	Ribeiro Frio
<i>Mussichia aurea</i>	Golden Musschia	Wall nr Cancela
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
<i>Sambucus lanceolata</i> *	Madeiran Elder	Ribeiro Frio - Portela

Scientific name	Common name	Location
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Common Mouse-ear	Pico Arierio
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Sticky Mouse-ear	Ribero Frio
<i>Silene uniflora</i>	Sea Campion	Ponta de Sao Lourence
Chenopodiaceae	Goose-foot Family	
<i>Suaeda vera</i>	Shrubby Sea-blite	Ponta de Sao Lourence
Cistaceae	Rock-rose Family	
<i>Cistus psilosepalus</i>	A Cistus	Roadside
Clethraceae	Lily-of-the-Valley Tree Family	
<i>Clethra arborea</i> *	Lily-of-the-Valley Tree	Ribero Frio - Balcoes
Clusiaceae	St. John's-wort Family	
<i>Hypericum canariensis</i> *	A St. John's Wort	Ribero Frio - Balcoes
<i>Hypericum grandiflorum</i> *	Large leafed St John's Wort	Ribero Frio - Portela
<i>Hypericum humifusum</i>	Trailing St. John's Wort	Pico Ruivo
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Perforate St. John's Wort	West of Sao Vicente
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Ipomoea purpurea</i>	Morning Glory	Funchal –Roadsides
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Aeonium glandulosum</i> *	Disc Houseleek	Cancela Garajau
<i>Aeonium glutinosum</i> *	Viscid Houseleek	Cancela Garajau
<i>Aichryson divaricatum</i> *	Madeira Stonecrop	Ribero Frio - Balcoes
<i>Aichryson villosum</i> *	Downy Stonecrop	Ribero Frio - Balcoes
<i>Sedum brissemoreti</i> *		Coastal Cliffs West of So Vicente
<i>Sedum farinosum</i> *	Mealy Stonecrop	Pico Ruivo
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Navelwort	Pico Ruivo
Ericaceae	Heath Family	
<i>Erica maderensis</i> *	Madeiran Heather	Pico Ruivo
<i>Erica arborea</i>	Tree Heather	Pico A
<i>Erica scorparia</i> subsp. <i>maderinicola</i>	Besom Heath	Ribero Frio - Balcoes
<i>Rhododendron ponticum</i>	Rhododendron	Ribero Frio
<i>Vaccinium padifolium</i>	Madeira Bilberry	Ribero Frio - Balcoes
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Castor Oil Plant	Funchal - Roadsides
<i>Euphorbia mellifera</i> *	Melliferous Spurge	Ribero Frio
<i>Euphorbia piscatoria</i> *	Smooth Spear-leaved Spurge	Cancela Garajau
<i>Euphorbia peplus</i>	Petty Spurge	Ponta de Sao Lourence
Fabaceae	Pea Family	
<i>Bitumaria bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Cytisus scorparius</i>	Broom	Roadsides / Pico Ruivo
<i>Genista tenera</i> *	Madeira Greenweed	
<i>Lotus glaucus</i> *	Madeiran Bird's-foot Trefoil	Porto da Cruz

Scientific name	Common name	Location
<i>Lotus parviflorus</i>	A Bird's-foot Trefoil	
<i>Lotus suaveolens</i>	A Bird's-foot Trefoil	
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>		
<i>Melilotus indicus</i>	Small Melilot	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Ornithopus perpusillus</i>	Common Bird's-foot	Pico Ruivo
<i>Scorparius muricatus</i>	Scorpion Vetch	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Teline maderensis*</i>	Shrub Trefoil	Ribeiro Frio - Portela
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	Encumeada
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	Roadside
<i>Trifolium resputinatum</i>		Roadside
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Starry Clover	Funchal
<i>Trifolium angustifolium</i>	Narrow leafed Crimson Clover	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Gorse	Widespread
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Fagaceae	Beech Family	
<i>Quercus robur</i>	Pedunculate Oak	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Castanea sativa</i>	Sweet Chestnut	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Frankeniaceae	Sea Heath Family	
<i>Frankenia laevis</i>	Sea Heath	Porto da Cruz
Fumariaceae	Fumitory Family	
<i>Fumaria muralis subsp. Boraiei</i>	Wall Fumitory	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Geraniaceae	Geranium Family	
<i>Erodium botrys</i>	A Stork's-bill	
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill	
<i>Erodium malacoides</i>	A Stork's-bill	
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shining Crane's-bill	Rabacal – Risco
<i>Geranium maderense*</i>	Madeira Stork's-bill	Botanic Garden
<i>Geranium palmatum*</i>	Anemone-leaved Stork's-bill	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Little Robin	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Globulariaceae	Globularia Family	
<i>Globularia salicina*</i>	A Globularia	Cancela Garajau
Hydrangeaceae	Mock-orange Family	
<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i>	Hydrangea	Ribeiro Frio - Portela
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family	
<i>Bystropogon maderensis*</i>	Bystropogon	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Bystropogon punctatus*</i>	Bystropogon	Rabacal – Risco
<i>Cedronella canariensis*</i>	Canary Dragon Herb	Rabacal
<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	Wild Basil	Pico Ruivo
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Self-heal	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Sideritis candicans var. candicans*</i>	Madeira Ironwort	Encumeada
<i>Stachys oxymastrum</i>	A Woundwort	West of Sao Vicente
<i>Thymus caespititius</i>	Mountain Tyme	Pico Ruivo

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Lauraceae	Bay Family	
<i>Apollonias barbujana</i>	Canary Ebony	Funchal - Street Tree
<i>Ocotea foetens</i> *	Fetid Madeiran Laurel	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Laurus novocanariensis</i>	Canary Laurel	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Persea indica</i>	Madeiran Mahogany	Ribeiro Frio
Lythraceae		
<i>Lythrum junceum</i>		
Malvaceae	Mallow Family	
<i>Lavatera arborea</i>	Tree Mallow	
<i>Lavatera cretica</i>	Cretian Tree-mallow	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	Roadside - Funchal
Mimosaceae	Wattle Family	
<i>Acacia longifolia</i>	Sallow Wattle	Rabacal
<i>Acacia mearnsii</i>	Black Wattle	Cabo Girao - View point
<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Australian Blackwood	
Moraceae	Fig Family	
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	
<i>Morus nigra</i>	Mulberry	
Myrtaceae	Myrtles & Gum Family	
<i>Eucalyptus globules</i>	Blue Gum	Widespread
<i>Myrica faya</i>	Wax Myrtle	
Nyctaginaceae	Bougainvillea Family	
<i>Bougainvillea glabra</i>	Bougainvillea	Funchal
Oleaceae	Olive Family	
<i>Olea europaea</i> var. <i>Maderensis</i>	Olive	Occasional South Coast
<i>Picconia excels</i>	Picconia	Encumeada
Onagraceae	Willowherb Family	
<i>Epilobium obscurum</i>	Long-friuted Willowherb	West of Sao Vicente
<i>Fuchsia magellanica</i>	Fuchsia	Ribeiro Frio - Portela
<i>Oenothera stricta</i>	Evening Primrose	Roadside
Orobanchaceae	Broomrape Family	
<i>Orobanche minor</i>	Lesser Broomrape	Pico Ruivo
Oxalidaceae	Wood-sorrel Family	
<i>Oxalis latifolia</i>	Garden Pink Sorrel	Funchal
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family	
<i>Chelidonium majus</i>	Greater Celandine	Ribeiro Frio
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	Californian Poppy	Funchal - Roadsides
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy	Cultivated Field
<i>Papaver somniferum</i>	Opium Poppy	Cultivated Field
Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family	
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Buck's-horn Plantain	Porto da Cruz

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<i>Plantago lagopus</i>	Hare's-foot Plantain	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Plantago major</i>	Greater Plantain	Ponta de Sao Lourence
Plumbaginaceae	Thrift Family	
<i>Armeria maderensis</i> *	-	-
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Polygonaceae	Knotweed Family	
<i>Emex spinosa</i>	Emex	
<i>Persicaria capitata</i>	Pink Garden Knotgrass	Encumeada
<i>Persicaria maculata</i>	Redshank	
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	Knotgrass	
<i>Polygonum maritimum</i>	Sea Knotgrass	Porto da Cruz
<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	Sheep-sorrel	Pico Ruivo
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curled Dock	Rabacal
<i>Rumex maderensis</i> *	Madeiran Sorrel	Roadside
<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	Broad-leaved Dock	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Rumex pulcher</i>	Fiddle Dock	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Rumex bucephalophorus</i> spp <i>canariensis</i>		Pico Ruivo
Primulaceae	Primrose Family	
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i> (Red)	Scarlet Pimpernel	Roadside
<i>Samolus vallerandi</i>	Brookweed	West of Sao Vicente
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family	
<i>Ranunculus cortusifolius</i> var. <i>minor</i> *	A Buttercup	Pico Ruivo
<i>Ranunculus cortusifolius</i> var. <i>major</i> *	A Buttercup	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	Ribeiro Frio
Resedaceae	Mignonette Family	
<i>Reseda luteola</i>	Weld	Cancela Garajau
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
<i>Duchesnea indica</i>	Yellow-flowered Strawberry	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Wild Strawberry	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Prunus avium</i>	Wild Cherry	Encumeada
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog Rose	Rabacal
<i>Rubus agg</i>	A bramble	Rabacal
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Galium productum</i>	Madeiran Bedstraw	Pico Ruivo
<i>Phyllis nobla</i> *	Bastard Hare's-ear	West of Sao Vicente
<i>Rubia agostinhoi</i>	Madeiran Madder	Ribeiro Frio - Portela
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder	Pico Ruivo
Salicaceae	Willow Family	
<i>Salix canariensis</i> *	Madeiran Willow	Encumeada
Saxifragaceae	Saxifrage Family	
<i>Saxifraga maderensis</i> var. <i>maderensis</i> *	Madeira Saxifrage	Cho de Cancela

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Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Funchal
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	Foxglove	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Odontites holliana</i>	-	Pico Ruivo
<i>Scrophularia hirta</i> *	A Figwort	West of Sao Vicente
<i>Scrophularia racemosa</i> *	A Figwort	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Sibthorpia peregrina</i> *	Madeira Moneywort	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Veronica anagallis-aquatica</i>	Blue Water Speedwell	
Solanaceae	Nightshade Family	
<i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i>	Tomato	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	Shrub Tobacco	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Solanum linnaeanum</i>	Sodams Apple	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Solanum mauritanum</i>	Garleaf Nightshade	Roadside to Pico Ruivo
<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Black Nightshade	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Cyphomandra betacea</i>	Tree Tomato	Cho de Cancela
Tamaricaceae	Tamarix Family	
<i>Tamarix gallica</i>	Tamarisk	Porto da Cruz
Tropaeolaceae	Nasturtiums	
<i>Tropaeolum majus</i>	Nasturtium	Ribeiro Frio
Urticaceae	Nettle Family	
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pelitory -of-the-wall	Funchal
Valerianaceae	Valerian Family	
<i>Centranthus rubra</i>	Red Valerian	Funchal
<i>Centranthus calcitrapae subsp. calcitrapae</i>	Small Valerian	Pico Ruivo
<i>Valerianella dentata</i> ?	A Corn Salad	Rabacal
Violaceae	Violet Family	
<i>Viola paradoxa</i> *	Madeiran Yellow Violet	Pico Ruivo
<i>Viola riviniana</i>	Common Wood Violet	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Liliidae (Monocotyledons)		
Agavaceae	Century Plant Family	
<i>Agave attenuate</i>		Funchal - Roadsides
<i>Agave Americana</i>	Century Plant	Roadsides
<i>Dracaena draco</i> *	Dragon Tree	Ribeira Brava
Araceae	Arum Family	
<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>	Calla Lily	Encumeada
Cannaceae	Canna Lily Family	
<i>Canna indica</i>	Yellow Canna Lily	
Iridaceae	Iris Family	
<i>Crocsmia x crocosmiflora</i>	Montbretia	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Watsonia borbonica</i>	Bugle Lily	Encumeada
Liliaceae	Lily Family	
<i>Agapanthus praecox</i>	African Lily	

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<i>Aloe arborescens</i>	Sword Aloe	
<i>Ruscus streptophyllus</i> *	A Butcher's-broom	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
<i>Semele androgyna</i> *	Climbing Butcher's-broom	Ribeiro Frio - Portela
Orchidaceae		
<i>Dactylorhiza foliosa</i> *	Madeira Marsh Orchid	Ribeiro Frio
<i>Orchis scopolorum</i>	Rock Orchid	Rabacal
Poaceae		
<i>Aira praecox</i>	Early Hair-grass	Pico Ruivo
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal Grass	Pico Ruivo
<i>Arundo donax</i>	Giant Reed	Funchal - South Coast
<i>Avena sterilis</i>	Winter Wild-Oat	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Briza maxima</i>	Large Quaking-grass	Roadsides
<i>Briza minor</i>	Annual Quaking-grass	Roadsides
<i>Hordium murinum</i>	Wall Barley	Ponta de Sao Lourence
<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Hare's-tail Grass	Pico Ruivo
<i>Setaria verticillata</i>	Rough Bristle-grass	Funchal
<i>Stipa capensis</i>	Mediterranean Needle-grass	Ponta de Sao Lourence
Zingiberaceae		
<i>Hedychium gardineranum</i>	Yellow Ginger Lily	
Lichens		
<i>Xanthoria parietina</i>	Yellow/Orange Lichen	Sea Shore
<i>Lobaria pulmonaria</i>	Lungwort	Forests
<i>Usnea barbata</i>	Old Man's Beard	Forests
Fungi		
<i>Laurobasidium laurii</i>	Madeiran Laurel Fungus	

Principle Street Trees of Funchal

Scientific Name	English Name	Location
Agathis brownie	Kawri of the East Indies	Street, Funchal
Chorisia speciosa	Kapok Tree	Street, Funchal
Jacaranda mimosifolia	Jacaranda	Street, Funchal
Markhamia lutens [platycalyx]	Yellow Trumpet Tree	Street, Funchal
Spathodea campanulata	Flame of the Forest	Street, Funchal
Tipuana tipu	Pride of Bolivia	Street, Funchal

Plants Associated with Parks, Streets & Gardens

Scientific Name	English Name	Location
Agave attenuate	Maguey Plant	Airport
Araucaria bidwillii	Bunya Pine	Funchal
Araucaria heterophylla	Norfolk Island Pine	Funchal
Archontophoenix cunninghamiana	Elegant Palm	Street, Funchal
Bauhinia variegata	Orchid Tree	Gardens, Funchal
Bougainvillea x hybrid	Bougainvillea	Street, Funchal
Brachychiton acerifolium	Flame Tree	Street, Funchal
Brunfelsia pauciflora	Brunfelsia	Gardens, Funchal
Brunsvigia rosea (Amaryllis belladonna)	Amaryllis	Residencial Pina
Burgmansia versicolor	Angel's Trumpet	Gardens, Funchal

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Callistemon viminalis	Weeping Bottle-brush	Street, Funchal
Camelia japonica	Camelia	Garden, Ribeiro Frio
Carica papaya	Papaya	Funchal
Cassia (Senna) didymobotrya	Popcorn Bush	Gardens, Funchal
Dicksonia Antarctica	Tree Fern	Gardens, Funchal
Dombeya wallichii	Tropical Hydrangea Tree	Gardens, Funchal
Eriobotrya japonica	Japanese Loquat Tree	Gardens, Funchal
Erythrina abyssinica	Red Hot Poker Tree	Gardens, Funchal
Erythrina crista-galli	Cock's-comb or Coral Tree	Street, Funchal
Eugenia uniflora	Brazil Cherry	Residencial Pina
Euphorbia ingens	Candelabra Tree	Garden, Funchal
Euphorbia pulcherrinia	Poinsettia	Garden, Funchal
Ficus elastic	Indian Rubber Tree	Gardens, Funchal
Hibiscus rosa-sinensis	Hibiscus or Shoe Plant	Street, Funchal
Howea forsteriana	Paradise Palm	San Francisco Gdns, Funchal
Kigelia Africana	Fetish Tree	Gardens, Funchal
Kniphofia uvaria	Red Hot Poker	Residencial Pina
Ligularia tussilaginea	Coltsfoot	Gardens, Funchal
Mangifera indica	Mango	Garden, Santana
Milia azedarach	Persian Lilac or Bead Tree	Street, Funchal
Monstera deliciosa	Mexican Breadfruit	Gardens, Funchal
Musa acuminata	Dwarf Banana	West of Funchal
Musa x paradisisca	Silver Banana	Plantations Funchal
Myoporum acuminatum	Australian Blueberry	West of Funchal
Nerium oleander	Oleander	Street, Funchal
Pandanus utilis	Screwpine	Street, Funchal
Polygala myrtifolia		Gardens, Funchal
Phoenix canariensis	Canary Island Palm	Street, Funchal
Plumbago auriculata	Plumbago	Street, Funchal
Plumeria rubra	Frangipani	Gardens, Funchal
Saccharum officinarium	Suger Cane	Plantations
Schefflera actinophylla	Umbrella Tree	Street, Funchal
Stelitzia reginae	Bird of Paradise Plant	Residencial Pina
Washingtonia filifera	Fountain Palm	Residencial Pina

Birds

Common name	Scientific name	Location
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus canariensis</i>	Frequent on South Coast
Atlantic Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis atlantis</i>	Funchal Harbour
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	Sao Laurenco
Trocaz Pigeon	<i>Columba trocaz</i>	Rabacal
Plain Swift	<i>Apus unicolor</i>	Funchal
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla heineken</i>	Funchal / Laural Forest
Madeira Firecrest	<i>Regulus madeirensis</i>	Laural Forest
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula cabreræ</i>	Laural Forest
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Laural Forest
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea schmitzi</i>	Ribero Frio
Berthelot's Pipit	<i>Anthus berthelotii</i>	Pico Ruivo
Madeira Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs maderensis</i>	Ribeiro Frio / Rabbacal
Atlantic Canary	<i>Serinus canaria</i>	Funchal / Porto da Cruz

Butterflies

Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	Occasional
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea faillae</i>	Pico Ruivo
Madeiran Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx maderensis</i>	Pico Ruivo
Madeiran Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlacas phlaeoides</i>	Pico Ruivo
Long-tailed Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>	Botanic Garden
Monarch or Milkweed Butterfly	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	Occasional
Macaronesian Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa vulcania</i>	Chao da Riberia
European Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria aegeria</i>	Rabacal
Madeiran Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge xiphia</i>	Rabacal

Other Invertebrates

A Bush Cricket	<i>Deurticus albifrons</i>	Ponta de Sao Lourence
Bee	<i>Amigilla maderae</i>	Occasional
Bumble Bee	<i>Bombus maderensis</i>	Occasional
7-Spot Ladybird	<i>Coccinella 7-punctata</i>	
Banded Garden Spider	<i>Argyope bruennichi</i>	Garajau
Cochineal	<i>Dactylopius coccus</i>	On Prickly Pear at Garajau

Amphibians & Reptiles

Madeiran Wall Lizard	<i>Lacerta (Teira) dugesii</i>	Widespread
Perez's Frog	<i>Rana perezi</i>	Ribeiro Frio and Botanic Gardens

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African Tulip Tree - Funchal