



Balda Garden is a botanical garden which spans 3.15 acres of land located at Wari in the old part of the city of Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh. It has a collection of 672 species of plants. The Balda Garden is now managed as a satellite unit of the National Botanical Garden by the Department of Forestry.

Dhaka city today hardly has any greenery. The little that remains is at risk. Baldah Garden in Wari of Old Dhaka is one of the few green spots left in the capital city.

This glorious arboretum is threatened by the densely populated urban space, surrounding buildings depriving the garden of adequate sunlight, lack of proper conservation, and also lack of public awareness.

History:

Balda Garden is one of the oldest botanical gardens established in this part of Bengal. Narendra Narayan Roy Chaudhury, landlord of the Estate of Balda, began creating it in 1909 and continued to add to it until his death in 1943. He simultaneously built up a museum collection, which was known as the Balda Museum. The museum collections are now housed at the Bangladesh National Museum.

Narendra Narayan divided the garden in two sections and named one after the Greek goddesses of Psyche, goddess of soul and the other after Cybele, goddess of nature. The Cybele section is open for visitors, but Psyche is restricted.



Plants:

There is an almost 18,000 plant in Baldha Gardens collection. In Saiki and Sibily there are 800 species. For students, they can research in here and can get help by authority. In the part Sibily, it has a pond named

Shogkhonad. Beside this, there are so many plants like Polyalthia longifolia, Ashoka tree, Java apple, Jhumko Jaba, Southern magnolia, Nilmonilota, jackfruit tree, Mahua, mangosteen, Dracaena, tamarind, Dwarf umbrella tree, Tulip Flower, Brownea and Camellia etc. A sun watch and joy house are also there. The flower camellia is famous for its poem and it wrote by world-famous poet Rabindranath Tagore after seen this flower here. Rabindranath Tagore wrote this poem in joy house. The Saiki is restricted area to enter but the main attraction is various colours Water Lillie, rare species cactus, orchids and amazons' Lillie. Also, there is an artificial cave.



Entry Tickets:-

The ticket price is 30 (thirty) BDT for everyone.

Visiting Hours:-

This place is open every day from 8 am to 5 pm. But from 12 pm-2 pm is break time.

How To Go There:-

Anywhere from Capital Dhaka tourist must have come near Rajdhani Super Market area, Tikatuli by Bus, CNG, Rickshaw or Uber. The fare of the bus is around 20-40 taka (from different places), Uber is around 100-400 taka (from different places). Rickshaw is around 50-300 taka (from different places).

Awareness:

The place is secured by the authority. So please don't do anything wrong over there during your visiting time.