Group Exploration Guide – SF Botanical Garden



- **1. Explore!** Take turns choosing a small area to explore with your group.
 - o What do you see in this collection of plants?
 - o What do you find interesting?
 - o What do you think the scientists/gardeners found interesting?



2. "I spy" Details and Patterns (e.g. size, shape, texture, color)

- o Look closely! What details or patterns can you find?
- o What does this remind you of?
- o How are these things the same or different?



3. Juicy Question

- o Choose a juicy question on page 2.
- o Set a timer for 5-minutes. Work together to find your answers.
- o It's ok if each person has a different opinion.



4. Chat & Reflect

- What is something you hadn't seen or noticed before in this area?
- What's a question you have?
- O What is your favorite part?
- o Think of someone who isn't here who would enjoy hearing about this?



5. Do it again!

o When you're done, take turns choosing the next area to explore.



Juicy Questions – Discuss with your group

What is the largest leaf you can find here? Why do you think this plant has large leaves?	What is the smelliest plant you can find here? How would you describe the smell?	Which plant is home to the most animals? Why do you think it is so good at providing for others?	What leaf shapes do you see? (a dinner plate, a tear drop, a heart, etc.) How do you think those shapes help a plant survive?
What is the smallest flower that you can find? Why do you think it's so small?	Listen closely to a plant. What secrets do you think it might be trying to tell you?	Which plant would you most like to cuddle with?	Create your own Juicy Question

