

Maria Thomas

Curator of Plants, ABQ BioPark



Maria Thomas is responsible for the design, acquisition, and care of all plant collections and exhibits at the Biopark which includes the Botanic Garden, Zoo, Tingley Beach, Heritage Farm, Bugarium, and Aquarium. She actively contributes to the development and implementation of goals, objectives, policies, and priorities that support the conservation and horticulture mission of the CABQ BioPark. Maria dedicates her efforts to native and medicinal plant conservation programming and restoration projects in New Mexico.

Maria's goal at the BioPark is to create a rare plant conservation program and seed bank that will protect our most at-risk native plants.

Alissa Freeman

Assistant Curator of Horticulture, ABQ BioPark



Alissa has a MS in forest ecology and was recently employed as the Assistant Curator of Horticulture at the CABQ BioPark, overseeing the care of native plant exhibits around Tingley Beach and the pollinator gardens at the ABQ Botanic Garden. With a background in botany and plant ecology, Alissa has worked extensively on pollinator conservation and forest restoration in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Montana and has now accepted a doctoral research position with the Rubinstein school of environmental and natural resources at the University of Vermont.



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