

**MAYAN WATER LILIES
OF MONTEARRICO (PACIFIC COAST)
AND ARROYO PUCTE (PETEN),
GUATEMALA**

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The water lily is pictured so often in Mayan art, that it was clearly one of the top most important flowers in Maya iconography of the Classic period of Peten.

The Maya depicted the Water Lilly flower underwater, surrounded by to fish, bubbles, and other water beings. For years we have traveled to multiple places in the Peten Jungle to study all the parts of the plant, from above and below the water level.

Photographing the plant is not an easy task. The brightness of the flower, the reflections on the water, the crocodiles, the current and the mud are all part of the challenge.

This is a collection of photographs from those field trips, in which we have learned to find the best techniques to capture the beauty of the Sacred Water Lillies.











































































































