Did you know...

… Crotons are evergreen shrubs growing to 10 feet in height with large, thick, leathery, shiny evergreen leaves?

History
Crotons are native to southern India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Malaysia, and the western Pacific Ocean islands, growing in open forests and scrub.

Characteristics
Croton inflorescences (group or cluster of flowers arranged on a stem that is composed of a main branch or a complicated arrangement of branches) are long racemes 8–30 cm long. Note: A raceme is an unbranched, indeterminate type of inflorescence bearing pedicellate flowers — flowers having short floral stalks called pedicels — along an axis.

Male and female flowers grow on separate inflorescences; the male flowers are white with five small petals and 20–30 stamens, the female flowers yellowish, with no petals. The fruit is a capsule .3 inches in diameter, containing three .23 inch seeds. The stems contain milky sap that bleeds from cut stems.

The garden crotons should not be confused with Croton, a cosmopolitan genus also in the Euphorbiaceae, containing more than 700 species of herbs, shrubs and trees.

Web Site (and E-Group)
For more details about wildlife on the Bay Colony Club property (as well as Fern Forest and Anne Kolb Nature Centers), see:

http://southfloridawildlife.weebly.com