

St Francis of the Guns Garden

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Description:

Sun and exposure: faces west towards the Pacific Ocean

Soil: predominantly clay loam

Water and irrigation: all xeriscape planting - winter rainfall and fog irrigated; groundwater seep from hillside above

Approximate area: 1,154 square feet in two planting beds

Care and maintenance: ~ 30 person hours, twice a year - weeding, planting, removing dead or unsightly plant parts, picking up garbage

Approximate number of plant species: 60

Plant list:

Scientific - common name	Origin/nativity	Form, lifecycle & notes
Aeonium arboreum - tree aeonium	W Africa - Canary Islands	Succulent subshrub
Aeonium haworthii - pinwheel aeonium	W. Africa - Canary Islands	Succulent subshrub
Agapanthus praecox ssp orientalis - lily of the Nile	South Africa	Herbaceous perennial
Agave attenuata - foxtail agave	Mexico	Succulent agave form
Aloe arborescens - torch aloe	Southern Africa	Succulent
Aloe perfoliata - mitre aloe	South Africa	Succulent
Aloiampelos ciliaris - climbing aloe	South Africa	Succulent
Amaryllis belladonna - naked ladies	South Africa	Herbaceous perennial bulb
Arctotheca calendula - cape weed	South Africa	Herbaceous perennial weed used as ground cover
Aristea africana - blue brilliant	South Africa	Herbaceous perennial rhizomes
Artemisia pycnocephala - coastal sagewort	Western United States	Shrub
Asparagus officinalis - asparagus	Eurasia	Herbaceous perennial vegetable
Asphodeline lutea - king's spear	North Africa	Herbaceous perennial bulbs
Beta vulgaris - Swiss chard	Mediterranean & Asia	Herbaceous perennial vegetable
Briza maxima - rattlesnake grass	Northern Africa	Annual grass weed used as filler
Bulbine frutescens - orange stalked bulbine	Southern Africa	Succulent
Calamagrostis nutkaensis - nootka reedgrass	Western North America	Perennial bunchgrass
Chlorogalum pomeridianum - soap root	California	Herbaceous perennial bulb
Cistanthe grandiflora - rock purslane	Chile	Succulent
Cistus ladanifer - crimson-spot rockrose	Mediterranean	Shrub
Cotyledon orbiculata - pigs ear	South Africa	Succulent
Crassula ovata - jade plant	South Africa	Succulent shrub
Dierama pulcherrimum - angel's fishing rod	South Africa	Herbaceous perennial corms
Erigeron glaucus. - seaside daisy	Western United States	Perennial ground cover
Eriocephalus africanus - African rosemary	South Africa	Shrub

Eschscholzia californica - California poppy	California	Herbaceous perennial
Festuca species - fine fescues	Eurasia & N America	Perennial grasses from nearby lawns
Felicia amelloides - Cape Town blue	South Africa	Shrub
Furcraea foetida -Mauritius hemp	Caribbean & S America	Perennial, form similar to agave
Gladiolus species - Gladiolus or sword lily	South Africa and Europe	Herbaceous perennial corms
Grindelia stricta - Oregon gumweed	Western North America	Perennial subshrub ground cover
Hebe speciosa - titirangi or showy speedwell	New Zealand	Shrub
Hyacinthus orientalis - hyacinth	Mediterranean	Herbaceous perennial bulb
Hypochaeris radicata - hairy cat's tongue	Europe	Herbaceous perennial weed used as filler
Iris douglasiana - Douglas iris	California	Herbaceous perennial rhizomes
Ixia species - African corn lily	South Africa	Herbaceous perennial corms
Lampranthus spectabilis - trailing ice plant	South Africa	Succulent shrub
Lavandula angustifolia - English lavender	Mediterranean	Shrub
Lavandula dentata - French lavender	Mediterranean	Shrub
Lavandula stoechas - Spanish lavender	Mediterranean	Shrub
Lupinus albus - white lupine	Mediterranean	Annual legume
Medicago polymorpha - bur clover	Mediterranean	Perennial legume weed used as ground cover
Oscularia deltoides - pink ice plant	South Africa	Succulent ground cover
Osteospermum species - African daisies	Southern Africa	Ground cover
Oxalis pes caprae - sourgrass or Bermuda buttercup	South Africa	Naturalized weed used as ground cover
Pelargonium cordifolium - heartleaf geranium	South Africa	Shrub
Pelargonium crispum - lemon scented geranium	South Africa	Shrub
Phlomis purpurea - purple Jerusalem sage	Mediterranean	Shrub
Plantago major - broadleaf plantain	Europe	Herbaceous perennial
Primula vulgaris - common primrose	Eurasia	Herbaceous perennial
Ribes sanguineum - red flowering currant	California	Shrub
Salvia africana - African sage	South Africa	Shrub
Salvia clevelandii - cleveland sage	Southern California	Shrub
Salvia spathacea - hummingbird sage	Central California	Woody base, ground cover/subshrub growth
Scilla peruviana - Portuguese squill	Mediterranean	Herbaceous perennial bulb
Sempervivum tectorum - houseleek	Southern Europe	Succulent perennial
Sisyrinchium bellum - California blue-eyed grass	California	Herbaceous perennial rhizomes
Symphyotrichum chilense - California aster	California	Herbaceous perennial rhizomes
Tagetes lemmonii - Mexican marigold	Northern Mexico	Shrub
Vicia sativa - common vetch	Middle East	Annual herb; naturalized worldwide

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