

Alcázar Garden

Plant List

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Aeonium</i> 'Zwartkop'	Large Purple Aeonium
<i>Agave lophantha</i> 'Quadricolor'	Quadricolor Century Plant
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> 'John Dourley'	Manzanita
<i>Artemisia pycnocephala</i>	David's Choice
<i>Beaucarnea recurvata</i>	Bottle Palm
<i>Beschorneria yuccoides</i> 'Flamingo Glow'	Variegated Red Yucca
<i>Cercis mexicana</i>	Mexican Redbud
<i>Cotyledon</i>	ChalkFingers
<i>Crassula argentea</i> 'Sunset'	Golden Jade
<i>Cupressus guadalupensis</i>	Tecate Cypress
<i>Echeveria</i>	Hybrid Echeveria
<i>Echeveria harmsiis</i>	Fuzzy Echeveria
<i>Euphorbia milii</i> 'Pink'	Pink Crown of Thorns
<i>Euphorbia milii</i> 'Red'	Red Crown of Thorns
<i>Galvezia speciosa</i>	Island Bush Snapdragon
<i>Helichrysum</i>	Frosted Berries
<i>Helichrysum italicum</i>	CurryPlant
<i>Kalanchoe blossfeldiana</i>	Garden Kalanchoe
<i>Kalanchoe pumila</i>	Purple & Power
<i>Leucadendron</i> 'Silvan Red'	Leucadendron
<i>Lyonothamnus floribundus</i>	Catalina IronWood
<i>Metrosideros excelsus</i>	Variegated New Zealand Christmas Tree
<i>Salvia chamaedryoides</i>	Germander Sage
<i>Salvia leucophylla</i> 'Point Sal Spreader'	Purple Sage
<i>Santolina chamaecyparissus</i>	Grey Lavender Cotton
<i>Tanacetum densum</i> var. <i>amanum</i>	Turkish Tansy
<i>Westringia fruticosa</i> 'Blue Gem'	Coast Rosemary
<i>Westringia fruticosa</i> 'Morning Light'	Variegated Coast Rosemary
<i>Yucca filamentosa</i> 'Bright Edge'	Variegated Yucca
<i>Zauschneria californica</i>	California Fuchsia

Resources

Garden Design and Signage

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Garden Installation

Marilyn's Garden Design

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Alcázar Garden

Our garden celebrates the Centennial of the Panama-California Exposition in Balboa Park with a recreation of the Alcázar Garden, originally designed by Richard Requa in 1935.

This tranquil garden demonstrates the principles of water conservation, low maintenance, sustainability and climate appropriate plants.

We've replaced the annual bedding plants from the

inspiration garden with a tapestry of low-water-use plants. In the center of the garden, the waterless fountain uses a large blue pot filled with succulents. To make the garden feel larger, we've used a *borrowed view* of the surrounding landscape.

While the bright colors and strong architecture of this garden are the main focal points, it is also very appropriate for dry and sunny Southern California. We hope it inspires you with ideas for your own garden.

Ideas to Take Home

Learn from History

As our climate has grown drier and warmer, we can learn much from traditional Mediterranean Gardens where every drop of water was precious.

Replace Your Lawn

A similar garden could fit easily into most California backyards, creating a relaxing space for entertaining and contemplation. It is also very low water and maintenance.

Add Hardscape

Pathways of decomposed granite or gravel allow rain to soak into the soil and prevents runoff. Hardscape can define spaces and create a more usable garden. Use ceramic tile and pots to create permanent color in the garden.

Mulch, Mulch, Mulch

Use a three-inch layer of mulch to cool, soil, reduce evaporation and prevent weeds.

Grow Food

Replace some or all of the plants in this garden with seasonal vegetables and fruiting shrubs and trees. Create a formal pattern with lettuce and other greens. Use pomegranate, citrus, fig or persimmon trees for both sustainability and shade.

Select WaterSmart Plants

Succulent, Mediterranean, desert and native plants use less water and are low maintenance. They can add year-round color and create an exotic paradise.

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