



Accesssioning

Accession – something added such as a specimen in a botanic collection, an item in a museum, etc.



Standards of Excellence

Plant Collections Network, American Public Gardens Association

Standard 1. Thorough records are actively maintained for accessioned plants tracking what/where/when/how plants were obtained, their garden location, and any conditions regarding their acquisition.

Standard 2. Durable accession tags and maps link plants in the collection to their documentation, and to any associated collections of images, herbarium, vouchers and DNA.

Standard 3. Periodic field inventories are conducted, records and maps updated, and missing/damaged labels replaced.

Standard 4. Records are kept of plant evaluations, verifications of identity and nomenclature, documented use, propagation, and distributions.

List of Exhibits

Amphitheater (& outside N. Gate)
Arboriculture
Backyard Makeover Exhibit
Bird & Butterfly Garden
Buckner Garden (Succulents)
Butterfly Pavilion & Hatchery
California Native Garden
California Water Story
Children's Garden
Climate Control
Coastal Sage Scrub
Container Garden
Container Logic (Large Pots)
Controlling Wind and Noise
Desert Tortoise Exhibit
Design Guidelines
Dorcas Utter Sensory Garden
Down Under (Australian)
End of Pipe and Pond
Erosion Control
Fire Resistive Resources
Fire Wise Exhibit
Form & Texture

Formal Garden
Framing a View
Front Yard Exhibit
Gazebo
Grey Water
Heugelkulture
Hillside Planting
How Good is Your Soil
Identifying Soil Types
Irrigation Hardware
Irrigation Wall
Lodgepole Shelter
Low Maintenance Plants
Maintenance Matters
Making the Most of Walls
Managing Water Flow
Marvelous Mulch
Mulch & Compost
Nifty Fifty (Under Construction)
Oak Woodland
Parking Lot
Perfect Planting

Permeable Pavement
Plaza
Protecting Your Privacy
Rain Barrels (DIY)
Rain Garden
Rainwater Control and Capture
Riparian Habitat
Setting the Scale
Sizing Up Your Lawn
Small Amphitheater
Straw Bale House – Green Roof
Strawberry Hill
Support for Young Trees
The Kitchen Garden
The Power of Color
Topiary
Tropical Look
Turf Tips
Watering Wisdom
Weather or Not?
White Garden
Woodland Stream

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Data being collected and recorded

1. Accession Number,
2. Local Number within exhibit if needed,
3. Plant Scientific Name,
4. Plant Common Name,
5. Other information on genus, family, etc.,
6. Provenance,
7. Location in The Garden by exhibit (future geospatial data)
8. Subarea of an exhibit, such as the Coastal Sage Scrub of Native Habitat
9. Type of plant such as tree, cactus/succulent, shrub, vine, grass, etc.,
10. Number of plants of that species in that particular exhibit,

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11. Notes including gender, toxicity, watering needs,
12. Date planted,
13. Vendor, such as nursery, big box store, local grower, propagated, etc.,
14. Donor if any,
15. Size of container at delivery,
16. Condition of plant at delivery,
17. Cost or initial value,
18. Date removed,
19. Reason for removal.

Sample Accession Entries

PARAMETER	ACTUAL ENTRY	ACTUAL ENTRY	IDEAL
ACCESSION NUMBER	1999.0165	1999.0111	2026.0234
LOCAL NUMBER	81	12	None
SCIENTIFIC NAME	<i>Westringia fruticosa</i>	<i>Delosperma echinatum</i>	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>
COMMON NAME	Coast Rosemary	Pickle Plant	Coast Live Oak
PROVENANCE	Australia	S. Africa	California
TYPE	Sh	CS	Tree
NUMBER OF PLANTS	1	1	1
SIGN	Num	Num	Brown
LOCATION	Container Garden	Container Exhibit	California Natives
REVISED LOCATION/SUB AREA	Container Exhibit		
NOTES			Propagated
DATE PLANTED	Unknown		2026 Jun 7
SIZE OF CONTAINER	Unknown		5 Gal.
SOURCE	Unknown		Propagated
DONOR			Uncle Bruce
PRICE			None
DATE REMOVED		Winter '26	
REASON REMOVED		Unknown probably died	

Plant Labels



Results

1. Accessions at end of 2025 – **1,322**
2. Over 160 species of trees
3. Over 500 trees in the arboretum collection
4. Labels on most plants
5. Database is updated weekly or more often
6. Removed plants – 434 over the last 2 years

Next Steps

1. Make essential information available to the public and staff. Suggested platform is Plantsoon
2. Place paper copies in Admissions Kiosk and Gift Shop
3. Create a map with plant locations with a platform such as Google My Maps
4. Make the database available through The Garden's website

Oak Collection

1. Blue Oak
2. Canyon Live Oak
3. Chisos Red Oak
4. Coast Live Oak
5. Cork Oak
6. Engelmann's Oak
7. Holly Oak
8. Scrub Oak



Palm Collection

Cabbage Palm

Canary Island Palm

Caranday Pam

Date Palm

European Fan Palm

Formosa Palm

Jelly Palm

Key Thatch Palm

King Palm

Mexican Blue Palm

Mexican Fan Palm

Mexican Sago Palm

Palma China

Ponytail Palm

Queen Palm

Sago Palm

Spiny Fiber Palm

Windmill Palm

Plants with Lavender in the Name

California Sea Lavender

Dwarf Lavender Cotton

Dwarf Sea Lavender

English Lavender

Fern Leaf Lavender

French Lavender

Green Lavender Cotton

Lavender Cotton

'Lavender Lady' Passion Flower

Lavender Scallops

Lavender Star Flower

'Meerlo' Lavender

Sea Lavender

Spanish Lavender

Variegated Lavender Scallop

Plants with Odd Names

<i>Sansevieria trifasciata</i> ,	Snake Plant, Mother in law's Tongue
<i>Amaryllis Belladonna</i> ,	Naked Lady, aka. Jersey Lily
<i>Tradescantia fluminensis</i> ,	Wandering Jew, aka. Small-leaf Spiderwort, Wandering Willie
<i>Ilex Vomitoria</i> 'Nana',	Dwarf Youpon Holly
<i>Ilex Vomitoria</i> ,	Youpon Holly

Redemption

Breath of Heaven

Dwarf Heavenly Bamboo

'Gulf Stream' Heavenly Bamboo

'Harbor Dawn' Heavenly Bamboo

Heavenly Bamboo

White Breath of Heaven

Conclusions and Recommendations

- Most of the plants in The Garden have been identified, numbered, and cataloged following APGA standards of excellence
- The database is updated regularly
- At end of 2025 there were 1,322 active accessions
- Making the information available to the public is under consideration
- Staff and volunteers will continue the work



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thank you

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