

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency

The Desert-Wise Landscape Garden at the Landers Post Office demonstrates the Agency's commitment to serving the community by offering an example of water-wise living with color pizzazz. The Board invites you to get involved by volunteering with the maintenance of the garden throughout the year. Please contact our office at 760-364-2315 if you have the time to help manicure the garden and "pull weeds".



This garden is delicious!

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*Desert-Wise Landscape
Garden, Landers Post Office*

Plant Identification Guide



Partial list of plants, shrubs and trees found at the garden.....

Landers Post Office Water-Wise Demo Garden



Volunteers on the project have included Marines from our 29 Palms Marine Base

This stunning, water-wise demonstration garden in the heart of Landers had for years been a narrow, barren dirt easement separating the Post Office parking lot from the adjacent roadway. The completed project is the result of leadership of Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency, grant funds from the Mojave Water Agency's Alliance for Water Awareness and Conservation, and a design concept from Mike Branning of Unique Garden Center.

The project began last fall with fill dirt from Yucca Valley's Super Wal-Mart construction site. Then two large Joshua Trees were relocated from the Senior Housing Project in Yucca Valley, and the rocks were harvested from the County landfill nearby. The dry wash element is lined with rusted cans reclaimed from the desert. The Landers Garden Club, and volunteers from the Marine Base and throughout Landers pitched in to install the drip irrigation system and to finish planting a wide variety of drought-tolerant plants, shrubs and trees. This garden stands out for its beauty and as a source of community pride.

Gray Santolina
Santolina Chamaecyparissus
An evergreen shrub, in summer it produces masses of yellow button-like flowerheads.



Artichoke Agave
Agave Parryi
A great plant for a container. It forms leaves up to 5" wide and 12" long.



Beavertail Cactus
Opuntia Basilaris
A medium to small sized prickly pear cactus. Flowers are followed by an oval fruit.



Desert Marigold
Baileya Multiradiata
An annual or short-lived perennial. Each flower head grows up to 1 foot above the leaves.



Paper Bag Bush
Salsararia Mexicana
The calyx starts out as a base to the flower which is reddish-purple in shade. As it ages, it expands into its bag shape.



Golden Barrel Cactus
Echinocactus Grusonii
An endangered plant in the wild. This cactus is popular in gardens and may reach up to 3.5 feet in height.



Desert Mallow
Sphaeralcea Ambigua
There are many species of this plant with varying colors and leaf shapes. This garden utilizes apricot which is native to the area.

Creosote Bush
Larrea Tridentata
An evergreen shrub growing 3.3 to 9.8 feet tall. Common to the Mojave Desert.



Blue Chaste Tree
Vitex-Agnus-Castus
Native to Southern Europe and to the Mediterranean, this tree can grow up to 22 feet in height.



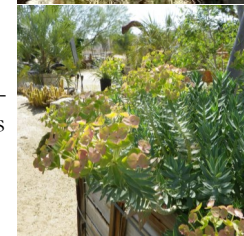
Cottontop Cactus
Echinocactus Polycephalus
A very hardy and attractive large cactus for your garden. Good drainage is the key to keeping this cactus happy.



Hedgehog Cactus
Echinocereus Engelmannii
A common cacti found in our desert, it grows in clusters and blooms in April. This cactus loves the warm weather and can tolerate light frost.



Gopher Plant
Euphorbia Biglandulosa
An evergreen perennial is sometimes considered a shrub due its form. The gopher plant is great for arid environments.



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