

Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden

Open daily from 8 am until dusk weather permitting!

Trees of Interest

The **Dove Tree**, so named because its blossoms resemble dove wings, is located on the eastern side of bed #12. There are 3 **Dawn Redwoods** located on the southern side of bed #12. The largest was planted by Mr. Jensen, probably in the early 1960's. The two smaller started as seedlings, the smallest in 2007. Only two of the many **Japanese Maples** Mr. Jensen planted have survived. They are located at the northeast corner of bed #12. Additional varieties of Japanese Maple have been planted in beds #2, #11, and #15. The **New Zealand Lace Bark** trees, located on the eastern side of bed #12, were donated by the San Francisco Botanical Garden after the existing one was removed because it was severely damaged. A single **Taiwan Cherry** has survived and is located in bed #3b at the edge of the creek.

California Natives

There are 2 native Oak varieties in Jensen Garden: the **Valley Oak (Quercus lobata)** which is the star of bed #1 and the **Interior Live Oaks (Quercus wislizenii)** located throughout the garden. **Coast Redwoods (Sequoia sempervirens)** are located in beds #3b, #4, #8, #11, and #12. Sixteen of those were planted along the creek in 2005 to help mitigate the sound from Fair Oaks Boulevard. **Pacific Coast Iris (Iris douglasiana)** can be found in beds #11 and #12. **Mock Orange (Philadelphus lewisii)** is located at the bottom of bed #15. **Catalina Perfume Current (Ribes viburnifolium)** and **Bush Anemone (Carpenteria californica)** can be found in the Raised Bed.

Bed Highlights (*) indicates interpretive sign in Braille

Bed #1 contains the very old and large Valley Oak, multitudes of Tulips (mostly the Darwin variety) and the sign commemorating Mr. Jensen.

Bed #2 contains Sangu Kaku Japanese Maple, Abutilon (aka Flowering Maple), a Rose and Violets (*)

Beds #3a and #3b are along the creek and are home to Oaks, Mahonia (aka Oregon Grape), Fuchsia, Japanese Quince, Taiwan Cherry and Hardy Geraniums. (*)

Bed #4 has two Weeping Redwoods (a variety of Coast Redwood), Coast Redwoods, Dogwoods, and Heavenly Bamboo (Nandina domestica)

Bed #5 has changed little since Mr. Jensen's Time and has Magnolias, Pecans, tree sized Rhododendrons, Camellias, and Azaleas.

Bed #6 is home to a Scarlet Oak, an Eastern Redbud, Rhododendrons, Azaleas and many Hydrangeas.

Bed #7 is planted with Dogwoods, Rhododendrons, Azaleas, Fuchsia, and Lamium.

Bed #8 is the white garden and is planted with white flowering plants including a Venus Dogwood, Abutilon, Helleborus and Bletilla.

Bed Highlights (continued)

Bed #9 is in the deep shade and is home to an Oak tree, Clerodendrum (Cashmere Bouquet), Yellow Archangel and Epimedium. The Clerodendrum is invasive, needs to be thinned every year and removed from neighboring beds (*)

Bed #10 is being left as it was found, for now. It contains 3 Oak trees and is covered in ivy.

Bed #11 borders the ditch and contains Coast Redwoods, Hydrangeas, a Sangu Kaku Japanese Maple, Hosta, Oxalis, and Azaleas (*)

Bed #12 is defined by the split rail fence around the Dawn Redwood. The Dove Tree, New Zealand Lace Barks, Japanese Maple, Oaks, Magnolias, Rhododendrons, Camellias, Ferns and Japanese Iris are also located here.

Bed #13 is home to Giant Chain Ferns, Chinese Fringe Flower, Podocarpus, Weeping Cherry, Red Twig Dogwood, Camellia sasanqua, Creeping Jenny, Lysimachia congestiflora, and Daffodils.

Bed #14 has also been left as it was found. It is home to Viburnum, Quince, English Hawthorne and ivy.

Bed #15 is known as Camellia hill. In addition to Camellia japonica, it contains 7 varieties of Japanese Maple, Magnolias, Amaryllis Belladonna, Mock Orange, and the groundcover Bergenia crassifolia.

Beds #16a and 16b are for summer bloomers. Bed 16a has Bearded Iris, Agapanthus, Crape Myrtle and a Ginkgo biloba. Bed 16b is planted with Blackeyed Susans, Echinacea, Yarrow, Alstroemeria, Crocosmia, Sparaxis, Day Lilies, Crape Myrtle and an Australian Tea Tree.

Bed #17 contains Butterfly Bush, Lilac, Agastache, Lambs' Ears, Bearded iris and Oriental Lilies (*)

Bed #18 is the rose garden and contains 17 varieties of roses in the orange, coral, and apricot palette.

The **Raised Bed** contains fragrant and tactile plants identified by Braille signs (*)

You Can Help

The volunteer group, Friends of Jensen Botanical Garden (FJBG) funds its work with plant sales and donations. Donations are tax deductible and may be made to "CRPD Foundation" and mailed to: 5750 Grant Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608.

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