

The Cactus Garden
1620 Howard Ave, San Carlos



☼ none (other than rain)
* several microclimates
soil: clay, not amended
Sunset Gold pathfines surrounds plants

← **Agave 'Blue Glow'**

Rosettes of smooth spineless foliage have a distinctly blue cast (A. 'Blue Flame' is similar). Leaves grow to 2½'.



Agave victoria-reginae →

Queen Victoria century plant, royal agave

An elegant, domed rosette of short, broad leaves, strikingly edged and patterned in white. Young plants have stiff leaves but on older plants the tips curve inward to form a ball. Cream flowers appear after 20-30 years when the slow-growing plant is 2-3' in diameter.

H 12" not happy below 36F



← **Aloe plicatilis**
Fan Aloe

This sun-loving *Aloe* eventually forms a large, unusually shaped bush or tree (after 20+ years), which is dormant in summer. Its red-orange flowers appear from spring to summer.

References:

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Hewitt, Terry; The Complete Book of Cacti & Succulents. 1st ed. NY, NY, Dorling Kindersley, 1993.

Also in this garden:

The tree: **Mexican Fan Palm, *Washingtonia robusta***

The grass-like plants along the fence are **Red Yucca, *Hesperaloe parviflora***



← ***Echinocactus grusonii***

Golden barrel cactus

Native of Guanajuato, Hidalgo, Querertaro & San Luis Potosi

When grown in full sun the spines are a rich glowing gold. In the right situation they will grow to over 4' high and wide.

Flowers are a gold color similar to the spines and are produced in spring, summer & fall. They will not flower until they are at least 14".

In the '90s, owning a large barrel cactus was thought to bring prosperity to its Chinese owners.

***Ferocactus gracilis* subsp *coloratus* – Fire Barrel →**

Central Baja, CA

Broad, concave spines range from pink to candy-apple red. The spines are densely interlaced. Produces concentric rings of red flowers in the summer months.

Usu less than 39"high; 12" across

Also in the garden:

***Ferocactus cylindraceus* – Compass or California barrel**

***Ferocactus latispinus* – Pochas or crow's claw**

***Ferocactus viridescens* – San Diego Barrel Cactus**



← ***Fouquieria splendens***

Ocotillo

An iconic SW desert plant, the ocotillo provides a strong linear centerpiece to this no-water garden. Red flowers will continue until drought.

5-25'H; 15'W

***Cereus repandus* →**

Peruvian Apple Cactus

This tree-like cactus produces red 'pitaya' or apples filled with crunchy edible seeds. The nocturnal flowers are open for only 1 night.

33'H x33-50'H



← ***Opuntia santa rita***

Santa Rita prickly pear

Pads turn deep purple in cold or dry weather.

4-6'H; 4-5'W

***Opuntia rufida* →**

Blind prickly pear

8"-5'H; 6'W

