Evolution and Description of the Areas in the Native Garden

Patricia’s gate area -- spring 2005 this was the first area planted. The I-didn’t-know-what-I-was-doing area!! West bridge constructed fall 2006.

Sierra -- north slope near dock that includes some woodland and forest plants from Sierra side of central valley. First planted in spring 2005.

desert -- on the north bank of slough, eastern part. First planted in spring 2006. A nice sunny, well-draining slope. The slough edge was planted fall 2009 to hold the bank.


redwood N-S -- redwood grove that runs north and south from the bridge. First planted fall 2006 under existing redwoods. This area has become very shady and cool.

coastal prairie -- area north of redwoods and south of slough near bench. First planted in fall 2006 - spring 2007. This area is becoming more and more shaded each year.

coastal CWS -- includes chaparral, woodland and scrub plants. This slope near the round table was first planted in fall 2006 - spring 2007.

redwood E-W -- previously existing redwood band that runs east and west, starting at the corner post and running to Reed’s gate. First understory plantings in 2007.

riparian -- east of Reed gate is a grove of trees and understory plantings along the slough. Trees planted in 2008. First understory planting 2018.

hedgerows S and E -- hedgerows south and east sides of the sunny valley grassland. This was first planted in 2008 to enclose the space.

valley grassland -- open area with a wet swale that is planted with plants from the central valley, especially near Davis. First planted in 2009 but still evolving.

blue oak area -- east of valley grassland, area surrounding blue oak, first planted in 2009.

redwoods open -- this is an open, sunny area/clearing near the redwoods that is watered with the redwoods, so is wet in summer. First planted in 2009.

composting toilet -- constructed in 2010. Also part office and toolshed.

succulent steps -- these steps are found in the coastal CWS area and first planted in spring 2017

Shly Creek -- constructed and planted in fall 2017 after previous year rains carved a waterway. Interns helped move all the rocks and plant.

Arbor -- Richards area on slough near grape arbor. Planted 2018.