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.

Foothill -- north slope near dock that also includes some woodland and forest plants from both sides of the 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 2006 to hold the bank.

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

Coastal area -- includes chaparral, woodland and scrub plants. This area is north of redwoods and south of slough and first planted fall 2006 - spring 2007. The slope near the round table is shady in winter, with bands of sun in summer. The area near the wooden bench is becoming more and more shaded each year with the redwood growth.

Redwoods 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.

Along the slough (riparian) -- east of Reed gate is a grove of trees and understory plantings south of slough, first planted 2008, more in 2018-19. Near arbor, north of slough planted 2020.


Valley grassland -- open sunny area with a wet swale that is planted with plants from the Central Valley, especially near Davis. First planted in 2009, but evolving over time.

Blue oak area -- east of valley grassland, surrounding the blue oak. First planted in 2009.

Redwood margins -- open, sunny areas/clearings that are watered with the redwoods, therefore wet in summer. First area planted in 2009. Two other areas added in 2019.

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

Succulent steps -- these steps are found on the coastal slope and first planted in spring 2017.

Shly Creek -- constructed and planted in fall 2017 after earlier winter rains carved a waterway. Two interns helped move all the rocks and plant. Shly is made up of their initials.

Verge on Russell Blvd. bike path – very drought tolerant plants. Watered with buckets, then no water once established. Planted 2018-20, during the winter.

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