

Desert Landscape: Jack's backyard Part 1

Arizona's climate favors drought resistant gardens, and rewards gardeners who understand the environment they work with. My friend Jack "gets it" and tends to an amazing garden in his backyard.

When Jack and his wife moved in, they literally had a blank desert canvas to work with. In a brand new home, they began creating a beautiful setting in harmony with the desert's nature. But not without a little trial and error to begin with. Here's some sage advice from Jack:

After many dollars spent on fancy plants at the local Lowe's I came to this conclusion... When you live in the Desert, plant what the Desert supports. Quite simply: if it is not visible along the Freeway or the city street planting areas don't plant it. Anything that can survive along the roads and city streets of the Phoenix Valley will survive in your yard. If you absolutely have to have flowers and sensitive plants put them in Pots that you can move around when the weather is too severe to support them. You will have fewer headaches and failures.

What did Jack plant?

It is desert landscaping but it looks great along with the golf course growing up at the same time.

6 Texas Sage	8 Bougainvilleas	6 Fountain Grass plants
4 Yuccas	2 Mexican Birds of Paradise	2 Texas cactus plants
5 Desert Spoon cacti	6 Lantanas	1 Lavender plant
4 Palo Verde trees	2 Muhlenberg Grass plants	1 Natal plum
1 Mesquite		
10 Oleanders		

Jack says: "This keeps me busy trimming in the growing season however I do get a reprieve from November through March. Most of the plants will have new growth in late April."

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