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Name of project: Display of drought-tolerant plants at The Oregon Garden

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Dates of project: Begun May, 2001, continuing indefinitely

Location of project: Adjacent to Business office at The Oregon Garden

Brief description of project: The project displays drought-tolerant plants in a garden setting. The objective is to illustrate ornamental plants that require little or no supplemental water after establishment, and that would therefore be appropriate for water-conserving gardens in the Pacific Northwest. The objective is also to display their ornamental assets and stimulate interest in these sorts of plantings. Plants in the plot were chosen for their ornamental attributes, such as foliage, flower or scent.

Type of research (baseline data; hypothesis testing; field trial; case study; etc.):
This project is an educational display of drought-tolerant plants. The project is also a field trial of some of the varieties planted in it. Some of the species planted are from California nurseries and are rare in cultivation here, but show promise for Pacific Northwest conditions. The major criterium being rated is cold injury to these plants.

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