

Low Maintenance Shade

Landscaping to protect and conserve Austin's water

Demonstration garden: **Zilker Botanical Garden (Green Garden), 2220 Barton Springs Road, Austin, TX**



The large tree canopy sets the mood and style for this shade-loving landscape. Featuring native dwarf yaupons and a variety of liriopes, this design is low maintenance. The soothing evergreens provide a perfect place to escape the heat and enjoy the tranquility of a summer day in Texas



plant key



trees

-  persimmon
-  mountain laurel
-  brasil
-  barbados cherry
















shrubs

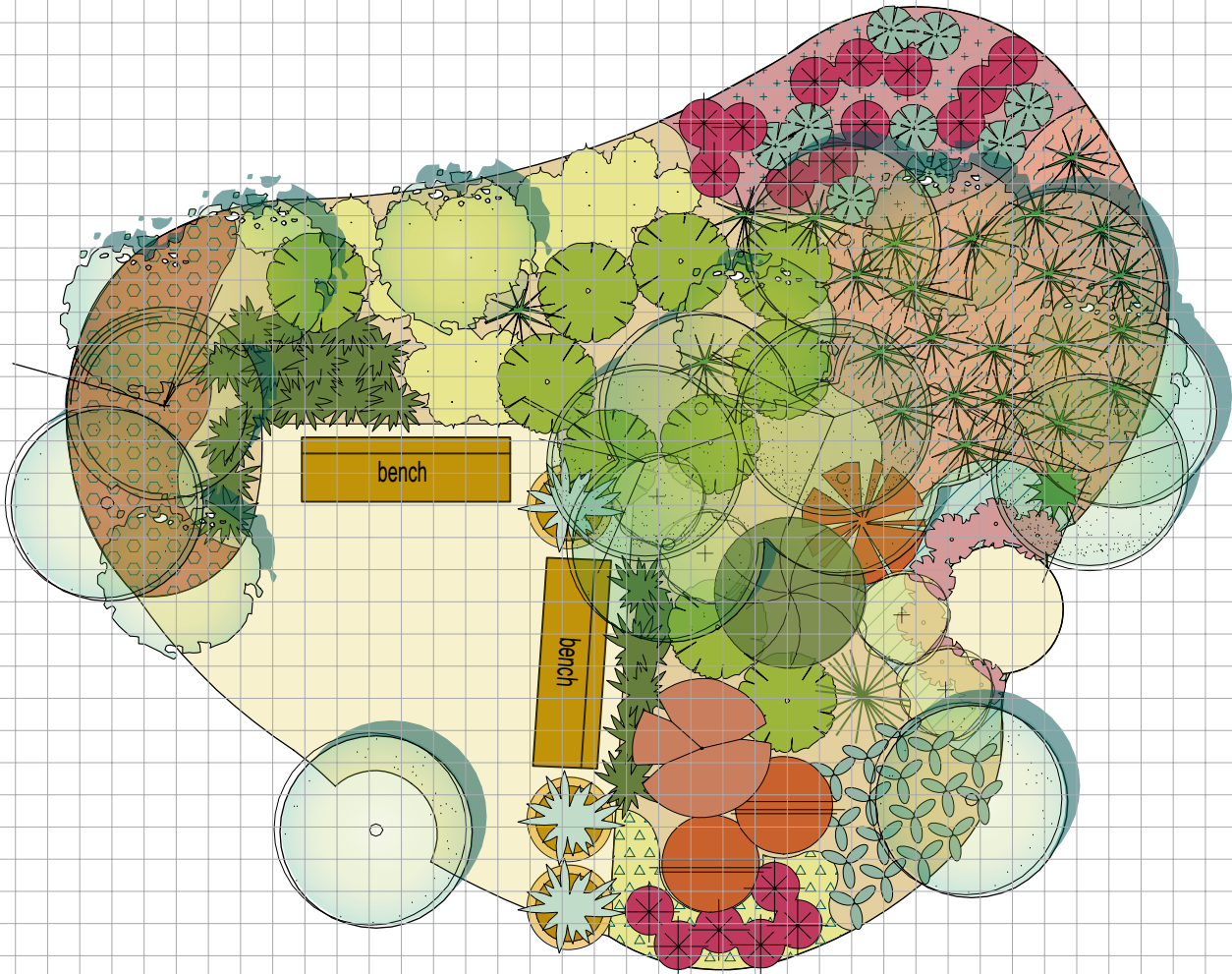
-  dwarf yaupon holly
-  american beautyberry
-  mexican honeysuckle

cacti & succulents

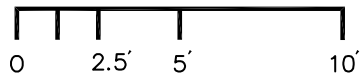
-  nolina texana
-  sedum

perennials

-  heartleaf skullcap
-  cast-iron plant
-  lyreleaf sage
-  gulf coast penstemon
-  chili pequin
-  turk's cap
-  giant liriopse
-  dwarf variegated liriopse
-  inland sea oats
-  bicolor iris
-  iris
-  katie's dwarf ruellia
-  sedum
-  geum, columbine, cedar sage, missouri violet
-  geum, cedar sage, pigeonberry
- white oxalis, cedar sage, horseherb, katie's dwarf ruellia



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Light:

Shade

Soil Needs:

- Amend existing soil with 2-3" of compost
- Be sure that your total soil base is 6-8" deep
- If additional soil is needed, use a good quality soil mix (approximately 25% compost, 65% loam and 10% sand)

Water Needs:

Once established, these plants require little to no water. If plants look wilted, however, water thoroughly every 3-4 weeks if there is no rainfall

Irrigation:

- Hand-watering is recommended
- If you must use an irrigation system.. Choose one with bubblers and/or drip irrigation

Turf:

If you need turf in this yard for aesthetic or family needs, St. Augustine is the best recommendation for shade.

Earth-Wise Gardening Tips:

- Plant the right plant in the right place based on sunlight required
- Mulch all beds to retain water and reduce weeds
- Use St. Augustine grass only in shaded areas; Zoysia can handle sun to part shade; mulch is a better alternative under a large tree canopy
- Reduce turf to meet your aesthetic or family needs because grass generally requires more water and chemicals to maintain
- Use pervious pavement that allows water to soak into the ground and/or the surrounding landscape such as stone without mortar, mulch or pervious concrete
- Use rainbarrels to capture and reuse rainwater

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Turk's Cap



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American Beautyberry



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