

Bromeliads Proven Hardy for Bay Area Gardens by Zip Code*

Los Altos

94024

minimum temperature in last 5 years = 29F

Aechmea recurvata benrathii
Deinacanthon urbanianum
Dyckia beateae
Dyckia hybrids- some very colorful
Deuterocohnia longipetala
Deuterocohnia lorentziana
Aechmea bromeliaefolia
Aechmea pectinata – some protection
Neoregelia cruenta
Alcanterea vinicolor- some damage this year

Tillandsia tenuifolia
Tillandsia reichenbachii

San Francisco

94102

Aechmea recurvata
Aechmea triangularis
Vriesea erythrodactylon
Vriesea hybrids
Deuterocohnia species

Tillandsia imperialis
Tillandsia useoides

San Francisco

94110

Minimum temperature in last 5 years = 34F

Aechmea recurvata and hybrids
Aechmea nudicaulis – many varieties
Aechmea x Fascicauilis
Billbergia nutans
Billbergia vittata
Billbergia amoena
Billbergia distachia
Billbergia species and hybrids
Neoregelia concentrica, species and hybrids
Nidularium innocentii, rutilans , species

Tillandsia bergeri
Tillandsia aeranthos
Tillandsia albertiana
Tillandsia recurvifolia
Tillandsia species, various cloud forest tank types, i.e. T. guatemalensis

San Francisco, Castro (central SF)

94114

Minimum temperature in last 5 years = 35F

Nidularium innocentii, others
Vrieseas, several species/hybrids
Neoregelias, several species/hybrids
lots of others

San Francisco

94124

Aechmea recurvata
Aechmea triangularis
Vriestia erythrodactylon
Vriestia hybrids
Deuterocohnia sp.

Tillandsia imperialis
Tillandsia usneoides

San Francisco

94127

Aechmea gamosepala "Lucky Strike"
Ae. triangularis
Ae. Ying
Ae. Yang
Ae. pineliana 'minuta'
Ae. Nigrans
Ae. orlandiana medio picta
Ae. orlandiana, 'Ensign'
Ae. orlandiana, 'Black beauty'
Ae. orlandiana, 'Rainbow'
Ae. Drakeama
Ae. Nudicaulis
Ae. Dots & Spots
Ae. fasciata
Ae. capillus venenis
Ae. Pectinata

Alcanterea imperialis

Billbergia nutans

B. Luna Blanca
B. Caramba
B. distachia "louise"
B. saunderiana
B. Sangre
B. Hallelujah
B. Strawberry
B. Party Pink

Guzmania -- multiple types

X Neophytum 'Burgundy Hill'

Neoregelia Strawberry "Keith"

Neo. Galaxy
Neo Guinea
Neo. Mo' Pepper Please
Neo. Lambert's Pride
Neo . Hawaiian Sunburst
Neo Cyanea
Neo. Kaliediscope
Neo. Emelia
Neo. Fanfare
Neo. Caviar
Neo. Norman Bates
Neo. Color Parade
Neo. Johannis
Neo. Perfection
Neo. 'Stormy Weather'
Neo Cheers
Neo Sabbath
Neo Tigre
Neo. Pictures at an Exhibition
Neo. Tiger Head
Neo Pepper
Neo. Born of Fire
Neo Painted Delight
Neo Lokelani
Neo. Hearts Blood
Neo Rosy Fireball
Neo. 'Luca'
Neo. 'Oeser 100'
Neo. Sugar and Spice

Nidularium terminale

Raoulia australis

Vriesea hieroglyphica

V. platynema

V. gutatta
V. philip coborgii "rafael"
V. elegans
V. fosteriana 'Rubra'
V's-- multiple types, shapes, flower color

Wittrockia cyathiformis

Tillandsia confertiflora

T. rodrigueziana
T. nidus
T. recurvata
T. straminea (the large one, grey)

Moraga

94556

Puya mirabilis
Billbergia nutans, (damaged Jan. 07)
Aechmea recurvata, (damaged Jan. 07)

Fremont

94563

Aechmea gamosepla and variegated form-ok under and in trees-slight damage on variegated form

Aechmea weilbachii forma leodiensis-ok under protection by house, damage some in open area and new growth in trees

Aechmea recurvata and hybrids-ok in the open

Aechmea distichantha var glazovii-ok under trees and next to house

Aechmea Burgundy- ok in open and next to house

Nidularium rutilans-slight damage in open and ok under tree cover and next to house

Nidularium innocentii var innocentii-mature plant finished flower under tree damaged, but pups ok

Neoregelia hybrids ok in open and next to house

Hard leaf Tillandias-All in trees and on the deck ok except for T. ionantha

Quesnelia testudo-ok under trees and next to house

Vriesea polmanii var 'Barbara' damaged in tree, but looks like it will survive

Puya mirabilis-lower leaved burned but new growth ok, out in open space

Billbergia 'Cecelia' ok on deck

Oakland

94605

Vriesea x Hawaiian Sunset
Neoregelia x King of the Forrest
Alcantarea Imperialis (deep red)
Neoregelia Hybrid (green/purple)
Neoregelia deere concentrica
Neoregelia x Carousel
Vriesea (large specimen w/pup)
Billbergia horrida
Aechmea orlandiana var. ensiga
Neoregelia x 'Charm"

T. fasciculata (1 large & 1 small)
T. x correalii
T. capitata 'Rubra'
T. xerographica

Modesto

95356

Minimum temperature in 2007 = 28-29F

Nidularium fulgens
Neoregelia 'Sassy'
Neoregelia 'Royal Burgundy'
Neoregelia 'Denise Lively'
Neoregelia 'Betty Head'
Neoregelia 'Pink Sensation'
Neoregelia concentrica x 'Fireball'

Sonoma County

95421

1500ft elevation, 2 miles from coast.

Aechmea recurvata--any variety
Aechmea 'Suenos'
Aechmea distichantha--any variety
Bromelia balansae

Dyckia choristiminea and other unidentified Dyckia species
Fascicularia pitcairniifolia (I do not know if this name is still valid)
Puya alpestris
Puya benteroniana
Puya venusta

Marginally successful
Some other Dyckia species and/or hybrids.
Aechmea cylindrata
Billbergia pyramidalis
Billbergia nutans
Billbergia 'Pixie'
Neoregelia spectabilis

All others must be in the greenhouse.

Sebastopol

95472

Minimum temperature in 2007 = 18F

Aechmea covata (completely exposed, no leaf damage and starting to bloom now!)
Aechmea disticantha
Aechmea kertesziae (with some frost protection)
Aechmea recurvata v. benrathii
Aechmea gamosepala (some spots on the leaves, but starting to bloom now)
Aechmea triangularis (showing some leaf damage)
Aechmea species

Our temps from late December through Jan. often dropped down to 22 degrees. Many of my Neos can take these temps in protected areas (under trees with fallen leaves on them, etc...) for a few days but 3-4 weeks was too much. I started jamming plants into a hoop house (no heat just plastic covering) when there was no end to the cold temps in sight. For the most part everything did fine. Some exceptions were Tillandsia somnians (almost completely dead) and my huge Vriesea imperialis (I am so bummed, had this one since it was a tiny pup) and misc Guzmanias. These plants I always put into the hoop house with no problems, kicking myself thinking I just should have moved them into the greenhouse. Who knew.

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