



*My Garden*

*and wildlife habitat*

*a work in progress*



In the spring, chickweed invades a cactus bed. For a month it's a primary salad green.















Every couple of years, I thin the bananas. With the felled trunks, I build a couple of raised flower beds, which will slowly sink into the earth.







































The black walnut is fantastic, much tastier than the common English walnut, but nearly impossible to shell.

I bought some from the farmers' market about 20 years ago, but I gave up and threw them in a big earthen planter. One grew into a tree that makes hundreds of nuts every year. I still can't get them out of the shell.

But the squirrels can, and come for them every year. What they don't eat, they bury. Then later they come back and dig them up.



























Living wisteria wreath, about three years old. Could be spectacular in 20 years.































































Nopales. I bought a *penca* at the downtown Central Market more than 20 years ago. It sat in the refrigerator for a while, then I planted it. Now it's a tree, and its offspring are found throughout the garden.







The front garden features three bamboo arches, formed by gently binding new sprouts as they grow. Also, an edible New Zealand spinach ground cover.







