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Report to the Native Plant Society of New Mexico: 2009 Garden Grant

In 2009 the Randall Davey Audubon Center in Santa Fe, New Mexico received a grant from the Native Plant Society for \$500. With this grant we were able to leverage another \$500 for the Audubon gardens from the SF Garden Club. Combining these funds together allowed staff to plant a substantial area as well as back-fill some spots in our established gardens.

At the Audubon Center we have several areas that are landscaped:

1. Master Gardeners plant and tend a hummingbird and butterfly garden
2. Garden beds lining our historical Randall Davey "Grounds" where classes, weddings and other events are held
3. Garden beds around the Administration and Education buildings and Nature Store

In these gardens we try to combine native plants, fruit trees and bushes for wildlife, along with some "traditional" landscaping such as those planted during the Davey era. The gardens are maintained for our educational classes, visitors and for wildlife food and shelter.

We greatly appreciated the \$500 funding from the Native Plant Society. Those funds were used to provide landscaping around our Administration Building. The Santa Fe Greenhouses gave us a 30% discount on all the plants, materials and soil amendments, which enabled us to purchase over 100 plants, plus mulch and fertilizer with the combined funds. Your \$500 allowed us to purchase plants such as Creeping Mahonia, Native Chokecherry, Nanking Cherry, lilac, honeysuckle, sagebrush, purple smoke bush, and hawthorn.

Once spring is here we would be happy to take members of your society on a tour of our gardens so that you can see how much difference your donation to Audubon has made.

Thank you again from all of our staff and volunteers at the Randall Davey Audubon Center.

Sincerely,

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