

some relationships between growth of ornamental plant and landscape gardening

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This investigation aimed to evaluate the effect of some horticultural and environmental aspects on the growth and appearance of some garden elements, as well as trees, lawns, hedges, succulent and cacti plants as principle elements in landscape. The study included the effect of bed orientation on the growth of plants under shade or sunlight spot in the garden. The criticism of some garden in foreign countries and in Egypt was also considered in this work. The most important parts are the following:

- Effect of plant material on air temperature
- 1- Effect of trees: Trees are the dominant visual elements of plant materials used to modify air temperature especially in the air zone climates. They provide shelter from sunburn in summer, and minimize the hot day temperature. This was found to depend on the tree forms and shape of foliage as well as the density. For example *Pinus edulis* cover 22.89 m² from the ground area and participate by 0.75°C in lowering the air temperature. *Azadirachta indica* cover 21.72 m² from the ground area and participate by 2.20°C, but *Grevillea robusta* tree decrease air temperature by 1.49°C when tree occupied 10.75 m² from the ground area. However, number of branches, shape of foliage, density and kind of leaves were affected on air temperature. The needle leaves tree i.e. *Pinus halepensis* reduced air temperature by 10.8°C compared with 0.2°C for broadleaves tree as *Ficus elastica*. It seems that Coniferous evergreens absorb more sunlight and thus they are very effective in reducing air temperature around their spots. As for the fine leaves tree *Jacaranda ovalifolia* reduced air temperature by 7.1 °C in April. Concerning garden buildings the study proved a reduction of 9°C indoors, *Casimiroa* tree shared the building in reducing the air temperature by 12.2°C in August, while *Casimiroa* tree shared by 0.2, 3°C as compared to temperature of sand walk. Fastigate and Columnar trees act as accent and exclamation point similar to a church steeple on the skyline at the country town. Spreading trees not only give the feeling of breadth and extend but also they modify air temperature in different ways due to the number of branches carried on the tree and the shape of leaves as well as the method of branching. The data obtained in this thesis proved the above points.
- 2- Effect of lawns: During November, *Bermuda* grass minimized the hot temperature by 1.5°C when the soil humidity was 16.7%. When soil humidity increased to 18.93%, the reduced temperature was 4.8°C. Lawn irrigation decreased air temperature by 3.4°C compared with the dry lawn which decreased air temperature only by 1.5°C.
- II. Hedges
- 1- ~ oriental, *L. hedgeri*
- I- Effect of short level trimming at 70 cm: The establishment of the hedge depended upon the direction of hedge. It was found that South and West directions were more agreeable to establish short *Thuja* hedges, since that provided complete separation of the garden parts.
- 2- Effect of high level trimming at 90 cm: *Thuja* shrub added 0.259 m² as a living well to the hedge exposed to the West direction, South direction created 0.271 m² as 11 V1 Dg greenery in the garden. All directions of tall trimming increased the shrub width; East and North tall trimmed shrubs showed the largest gap area in between, whereas West and South directions gave little gap areas. The sight and screening of the hedge depended upon trimming level as well as to their direction.
- 2- *Ficus nitida* hedge: The data for *Ficus nitida* hedge took similar trend of the *Thuja* hedge. However, all transplants should be shortened in early stage of growth to a minimum to enhance branch formation. It was proved that increasing planting distance had a negative correlation with the rate of the hedge furnishing in the garden.
- J- *Lantana camara* hedge: Pruning of *Lantana camara* hedge once/year stimulates the basic growth at the end of the

growing season compared with the frequent pruning. The frequent pruning also increased shoots number to 82 compared to 2 shoots for pruning once/year. Thus low hedge trimming produced shorter and more compact hedges compared to pruning once/year.

4- *Duranta plumeria* var *variegata* The growth of hedge grown as low hedge was very slow, in order to overcome this problem, *Pelargonium* was planted in the gaps of hedge to complete its beauty. On this ground, it could be emphasized that some flowering perennials could help in creating a lovely scenery and a height effect if incorporated with a slow growing hedge especially at the starting years.

III. The contribution of succulent plants OD. In cultivating garden construction succulents take several years before they appear their effects on the garden view. Agave plant occupied between 0.07 m² - 0.502 m² from the garden and 0.05 - 0.109 m³ at space in the first stage of its creation. The sooner, of succulent plants became large enough to attract the attention of garden visitors in the early stage. *Opuntia vulgaris* and *Lophocereus shottii* occupied 6.039 m² and 0.174 m² respectively from the garden space after (8) years from planting. *Agave americana* var *Darginata* could share by 2.264 m² from the garden space when the plant facing east side, while it will share by 2.649 m² if they face the East side of succulent garden. Generally, the growth of succulents was more larger when the plants were facing the West direction. The leaves and some branches of succulent plant had to be thinned in order to allow sunlight to interfere between the plants. The scenery of different succulent and cactus genera in constructing the garden will vary due to their combination as well as the individuality distribution.

• If one genus is only used to create a repeated scene. In formal garden it will be useful.

IV. The effect of plant orientation on the plant itself and its appearance.

1- *Salvia splendens* Shade and sunlight in the garden can determine the growth and its appearance in the garden, *Salvia splendens* can be grown under shade garden condition and it will show slow growth under such conditions. The plant will occupy a smaller area, about 0.581 m² under full sunlight it will occupy about 0.916 m². Hence the number of plants needed to blossom in the garden bed or borders has to be perfectly calculated depending on the position in sun or shade.

2- Hybrid Tea Roses Hybrid Tea Roses grown under full sun conditions occupied 0.635 m² from the garden. Calculating the number of Hybrid Tea Roses plants needed to cover 10 m² in a full sun location, it was found to be 15.7 shrubs compared to 20.7 shrubs needed to fulfill the same effect, and sharing by 3.01 m³ of a flowering surface in full sun location compared to 1.66 m³ in shade.

• In our opinion Floribunda Roses will create more effective groups when planted in front bed, in combination with Hybrid Tea Roses.

3- *Senecio doria* Planting *Senecio doria* in the garden depends upon the amount of light which will be exposed to them. Shady locations are more suitable to its growth as single specimen. Under those conditions, each plant creates large size and more vigour and occupies about 1.33 m². Plant exposed to full sunlight occupies less area of 0.580 m² in the garden. Also, it can be planted in combination with flowering annual plants.

4- *Dracaena draco* *Dracaena draco* plants grown in full sun locations completely different from those grown under shady condition. The plant creates a strong focal point in the garden with 4 branches and 410 cm tall trunk. The crown produces 11 crown divisions. whereas, in shady locations it has only 2 branches, with 340 cm length trunk.

5- *Agave americana* var *marginata* *Agave americana* var *marginata* is preferably grown in full sun location in the garden to create a focal point of great visual interest in a corner. The plant occupied about 6.61 m² in the garden area and shared 73.90 m³ for ornamenting the garden. While, plants grown in shady locations were not too satisfactory, but a study of Citadel grounds landscape gardening has an important role in beautifying touristic areas, the business of landscape gardening not only gives our monument places the glorious and beauty, but also they have not harm or to change their essential characteristics. Plant materials chosen for those places should be connected with their historical importance. Young palms should be planted out in the pool location to complete the historical panorama of the Citadel garden. There are two suggestions for redesigning the garden which in front of Citadel gardens facing Salah Salem's street, the first is to create formal garden or creating succulent garden. Lawns should share in gardens design. The width of East side lawn is agreeable to create a mixed border facing the Citadel wall. Some harmful effects may affect the gardening creations such as ground water which may increase due to use of surface irrigation which could affect the historical building. However, irrigation by drip and/or sprinkling methods could be adopted. To ask more safety to the garden.

constructions. the level of ground water, and slope of ground. It was examined and a distance of 10-15 m must be left to surround the Citadel wall. VI. The development of Tahrir square garden passed through different stages from 1958 to 1988. The distribution of trees was well organised in the period from 1958 to 1964. Although, the garden contained a large lawn area, but this area was divided to many parts. The design (1958-1964) contained different elements of design, lawns, trees and shrubs, but it was lacking the herbaceous plants which had the colouring effects. In the second period from 1964 to 1981 the designer created a formal carpet garden facing Tahrir administrative building. The annual and herbaceous plants were used in the different levels of beds in the central garden. In the third period from 1983 to 1985 during the constructing of the underground metro, the garden was neglected and became in a bad state. All the plants died and its colour changed to yellow brown. However, the trees groups were in a better case since they tolerated the negligence. The new design (1988) of Tahrir square gardens depended upon the modern landscape lines, with smooth curving lines. Generally, it could be concluded that Tahrir square garden in 1988 is in a very suitable state, although this arrangement is not quite enough to overcome the future requirements.

VII. Critical studies of the gardens. 1- The Khan garden in Shoubra. The new creation of Agha-Khan garden depended upon:

1. Minimizing the garden maintenance and increasing their percentage. Using lawn edged by short and small plants as *Viola tricolor*, *Tropaeolum* and *Tagetes patula*.
2. Providing new garden appearance by using palm trees.
3. The connection between garden design and town planning. On this ground, the garden could complete the planning by using iron frame around the garden.

2- Evaluation of 80 m² green area in Cairo streets. The green, colour decreased in Cairo, due to the destruction of plant materials. The partition led to poor maintenance and sharp edges of the bed corners which cause problems for the maintenance. In 1971, it was noticed that the designs and connection of plants in Cairo street were not well organised, and plant materials are grown under unfavourable conditions which lose their character and minimize their function in urban conditions. Plant materials in Cairo streets are not properly maintained.

3- Using different genera of trees in a vertical and horizontal shapes in landscape design which modify the air temperature especially in hot arid zones besides increasing soil lawn humidity which reflect decreasing the garden air temperature. South and West directions are more agreeable to establish Thuil; oriental like *Picus nitida* hedges, their sight and screening depend upon trimming level as well as their directions. The low hedge trimming and frequent pruning produce more CO₂ and the hedge. Using some low growing perennials could help in creating a lovely scenery in the garden. The scenery of different combinations of succulent genera in succulent garden is more effective than using only one. The leaves and some branches of succulents had to be thinned to allow sunlight between. Growth, appearance and number of plants is well assessed.

4- Tea Roses, *Dracanae*, *Draco* and *Agave americana* were more effective in sunny spots but *Senecio doria* prefers shady location in the garden. The designer or living landscape must have an entire knowledge of the plants and the long term effect of his design for future maintenance based on the town conditions.