

Mapping roots

Our garden proposal is inspired by the forests of Galicia, specifically mapping a small piece of our loss, revealing through the mist the beauty that once existed there and the possibility of resurgence.

Visitors walk along a winding path of stumps of different sizes, remnants of the trees, plants, and creatures that once lived there, devoured by flames. Around them, reused wooden pillars form circular structures symbolizing "senlleiras" trees, which in Galicia represent the past, identity, and connection to the land, lost to fire.

Around this path, masses of ferns, shrubs, and native trees create a microforest, where vegetation emerges from the sand and greenery, recalling what was lost and the ability to regenerate after destruction.

A misting system diffuses a fine mist, enveloping visitors in a sensory atmosphere that evokes the cold, damp Atlantic climate that penetrates deep inside.

This garden is an ephemeral map of emotions, nature, and belonging, where each step builds the green memory of the forest and the importance of preserving it.

	Scientific name	Common name	Garden use	Photograph	Symbol
Shrubby and floral	<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> 'Annabelle'	Hardy Hydrangea	Provides volume and white flowering in partial shade.		
	<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	Mountain laurel	Ornamental pink flowering, medium structure.		
	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Winter holly	Winter color with red fruits, visual contrast.		
	<i>Genista tinctoria</i>	Broom of dyes	Intense yellow flower, reminiscent of Galician xestas.		
Trees in the background	<i>Betula papyrifera</i>	White birch	White trunks that provide light, verticality and natural contrast		
	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	American red oak	A tree with a robust appearance, it symbolizes strength and roots.		

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Trees in the background	<i>Picea glauca</i>	White spruce	It creates a scenic background and a feeling of a closed forest.		
	<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Common juniper	It provides evergreen texture and resinous aroma, reinforcing the naturalistic character.		
Ferns	<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i>	Ostrich fern	Large size and vertical appearance, creating a sensation of a humid forest.		
	<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Sensitive fern	Soft, light fronds provide contrast and texture.		
	<i>Athyrium niponicum</i> 'Pictum'	Japanese silver fern	It provides color and contrast, silver fronds with reddish tones.		
	<i>Dryopteris intermedia</i>	Intermediate fern	Provides medium green density, ideal for shaded, humid areas.		
	<i>Dryopteris erythrosora</i>	Autumn fern	Young shoots of copper color, providing seasonal variation and texture.		



