

A FIELD GUIDE TO SOULARD FLORA

Soulard is an urban garden of botanical delights, almost as varied as that other place over on Shaw. As you enjoy your Mardi Gras revelry, be sure to take a moment and “smell the roses” (as it were).

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	HOW TO IDENTIFY	RELATIVE URINE TOLERANCE
Oak Tree	<i>Quercus Arbovirus</i>	It loses all its leaves during the winter. The older ones are big suckers. Might be some acorns scattered around the base.	High. It's already lived 120 years, a little whiz ain't gonna hurt it.
Pine Tree	<i>Pinus Arbovirus</i>	Its leaves are sharp little needles and, being an evergreen, stay on all year 'round. The seeds are contained within pine cones.	Medium. You have to brave the needles, but once inside you're fairly well sheltered.
Hedge	<i>Hedgius Commonsis</i>	Not one plant, but many of the same species planted in close-enough proximity to form a fence-like barrier.	Low on the sidewalk side, high on the other, but you might be trespassing.
Flower Bed	<i>Flores Sertacum</i>	This could be a bare area with a pattern of small dirt mounds. In the case of perennials, look for low-lying dormant looking vegetation.	Low. You're quite exposed. And tinkling in someone's prize tulips is just asking to get two barrels of rock salt shot in your ass.
Hemp	<i>Hippius Lettucius</i>	Bundles of brown, yellow or green flowers and leaves crudely wrapped in approximately three-inch-long paper tubes.	Low. Under no circumstances micturate on the hemp. It makes it taste bad and will ruin your buzz.
Dumpster	<i>Midwestius Wastus</i>	Large green rectangular plant, usually with a pair of hinged lids and a trash company logo.	High. Provides good cover and is mostly impervious to a hot stream of pee.
Faceplant	<i>Alcoholicus slumberus</i>	A low creeping plant that's sometimes mistaken for a passed-out human. While mostly dormant, it may occasionally twitch, snort and fart.	Depends. Remember the old phrase “It's better to be pissed off than pissed on”?