



8 PINSLA GARDEN

Pinsla is a wild, woodland garden carpeted with flowers grown from seed in the attached nursery. Owner Claire Woodbine likes to experiment with plants for all kinds of different settings. There are shade-loving plants like ferns, Japanese maples and bamboos; cottage border perennials, from cranesbills to thalictrums; succulents for rockeries and walls, including echeverias, aeoniums and aloes; colourful bedding for patios, pots and baskets; herbs, alpines, grasses, climbers and shrubs. Dotted about both garden and nursery are statues and ornaments, some of which are made at Pinsla from reconstituted stone. "People who aren't knowledgeable about plants can find a nursery intimidating," says Claire. "So I thought statues of gargoyles, pixies and fairies would make them laugh as they came in."

LOCATION: Close to Cardinham, near Bodmin
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9 TREVENA CROSS NURSERIES

Trevena Cross has one of the largest ranges of plants in the South West, and plenty more besides, so whether you're looking for a bay tree or a ball of string, you'll find it here. The nursery has an impressive selection of Southern Hemisphere plants, especially from South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and South America, as well as succulents from around the world, which are delivered to gardeners all over the UK through the Trevena Cross mail order service. Specialities include members of the proteaceae family, such as banksias, hakeas, leucadendrons, proteas and telopeas, which all thrive in Cornish coastal gardens as or as exotic pot plants for the conservatory or patio. Trevena Cross is also a great place to bring the family: there's a restaurant here, and a playground.

LOCATION: Between Ashton and Breage, on the road to Helston
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10 TREWITHEN

Trewithen's nursery was established more than 40 years ago, and now offers gardeners an unusually wide range of species, from A(belia) to Z(antedeschia). There are ornamental trees, shrubs and herbaceous perennials for sale at the plant centre, plus grasses, ferns and exotics. Many were propagated from rare and beautiful specimens which visitors can see in Trewithen's historic garden. The estate's stunning sky-blue *Ceanothus arboreus* 'Trewithen Blue' has been a nationwide favourite for many years; more recently, the spectacular crimson *Camellia saluenensis* 'Trewithen Red' caused quite a stir at the RHS Early Camellia Show. If you're enchanted by Trewithen's new rose garden, and dream of creating your own, you'll find plenty of varieties to choose from.

LOCATION: Near Grampound, between Truro and St Austell
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