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*The Secret
Garden*



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Hidden away from the rest of the world, on a remote peninsula in Argyll, sits Scotland's secret garden – Arduaine (*English ar-doon-ee; Gaelic ard-oonye*).

As visitors explore this quiet, special place where they can slowly wander among exotic plants, many are reminded of the novel *The Secret Garden*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

Arduaine's secluded location is integral to its charm, but its remoteness is also the main challenge when caring for this unique place. Declining visitor numbers and increasing costs mean that unless we act now to create a sustainable future for the garden it will continue to be in danger of closure.



**We have already raised
£1,909,000 We now
need a final £100,000
to help save Arduaine
for the future –
will you help us?**

'If you look the right way, you can see the whole world is a garden.'

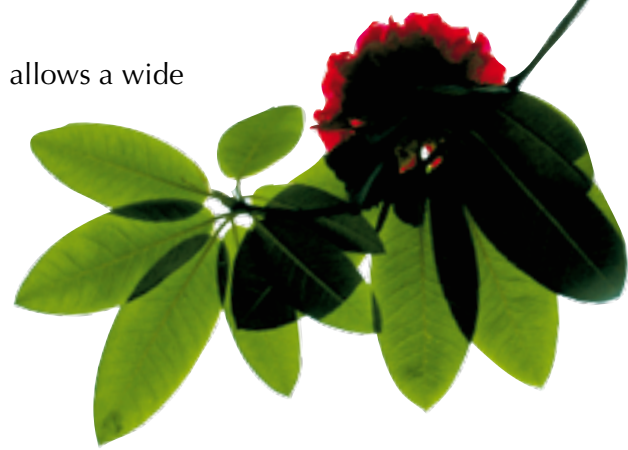
Arduaine brings the world to Scotland with a plant collection coming from six continents. Here, you can discover rare and unusual plants from such far-flung places as New Zealand, Japan, Korea, Brazil, China, Sri Lanka, Nepal and the Himalayas. There are even ferns that are only found on Robinson Crusoe Island, 400 miles off the coast of Chile.



These exotic plants have been bought here by a succession of passionate plant hunters who sought to create something exceptional on a wild Argyll shore. Arduaine is a unique Scottish garden and an outstanding example of living heritage that we must respect, admire and protect.



The warming effect of the North Atlantic Drift which cradles the garden allows a wide range of rare and exotic species to thrive in this northerly location. A superb collection of rhododendrons, magnolias, camellias, azaleas, 400 kinds of fern, conifers and trees from all over the world have made a comfortable home here.



'It seemed almost like being shut out of the world in some fairy place.'

The beautiful plant collection is brought to life by the unique atmosphere that almost every visitor comments upon. The garden is a calm and tranquil place where you can escape from the stresses of everyday life and immerse your senses in colour, scent and sound.



'Nothing in the world is quite as adorably lovely as a robin when he shows off ...'

Wildlife is in abundance at Arduaine Garden. Otters can be seen bathing in the pond and bounding through the woodland garden. Sea eagles, hen harriers, herons, owls and ospreys are all welcome guests to the canopy of tall Japanese larch trees. And when you emerge from the trees at the Viewpoint, as well as the islands of Jura and Mull on the horizon, you may see seals and eider ducks in the clear blue water. All these beautiful creatures rely on this special garden too.



'As long as you have a garden you have a future and as long as you have a future you are alive.'



Donate today and become an Arduaine Guardian.

Donate any amount and be recognised as an Arduaine Guardian online at www.savethesecretgarden.org.uk.

Donate £30 to be one of the special 300 donors recognised as an Arduaine Guardian at the garden entrance.

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Write: **Fundraising, The National Trust for Scotland, 5 Cultins Road, Edinburgh EH11 4DF**

Terms and conditions

- There are 300 spaces available for Arduaine Guardians at the garden entrance; these will be allocated to the first people that donate to the Save the Secret Garden Appeal.
- The names of all Arduaine Guardians will be displayed online at www.savethesecretgarden.com from 1 August 2011 to at least 1 August 2012.
- Names must be no longer than 24 characters, including spaces. Examples are: John Alan Macdonald (19 characters); Mr D & Mrs M Macleod (20 characters); The Morrison Family (19 characters).
- We will confirm to you in writing the name you have chosen to appear, unless you specify otherwise on your donation form. If you do not wish a name to appear but would like to make a donation please note this on your form.

All quotes are taken from *The Secret Garden* by Francis Hodgson Burnett, 1911.

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