



English Term	Description	Historic Period	Alternative titles	Example gardens	Important people
Medieval	Influenced by monastery gardens. Usually walled, formal and a mixture of medicinal, ornamental, and productive plants.	5 th to 15 th Century BC	Cloister Gardens	Michelham Priory Avebury Manor Cotehele	
Tudor	Influenced by Italian gardens: formal parterres and knot gardens. Trellis, topiary. Plants mainly from Europe and near east	1485 - 1603	Elizabethan	Kenilworth Hampton Court Lacock Abbey	
Stuart	Influenced by French and Dutch styles. Large scale gardens with complex designs close to the house and formal avenues reaching into the wider landscape. Terraces and water features. Increasing plant palate displayed individually brought from North America	1603 - 1714	Formal Gardens	Versailles Hampton Court Hanbury Hall Chiswick House Hatfield House Chelsea Physic Garden	Andre Mollet Inigo Jones John Tradescant George London Henry Wise Charles Bridgeman
Georgian	Idealised Classical landscapes of Ancient Greece and Rome. Naturalistic planting of trees and meadows involving huge feats of earth moving and water engineering. The floriferous shrubbery begins with more plants brought from the colonies. Kitchen Gardens removed from near houses, timber glasshouses for pine apples, peaches etc.	1714-1830	English Landscape 18 th Century Gardens Regency Style (c.1795 – 1837)	Stowe Strawberry Hill Stourhead Croome Park Rousham	Alexander Pope Horace Walpole Capability Brown Humphrey Repton William Kent
Rococo	Smaller scale gardens created by middle classes with fanciful grottoes, serpentine walks and other garden buildings	c.1795-1837		Painswick c.1744.	Benjamin Hyett (1708-1762)
Picturesque	William Gilpin (1724-1804) first used the word 'Picturesque' in 1768 in his <i>An Essay on Prints</i> , defining it as 'that kind of beauty which would look well in a picture'. Much more dramatic and contrived than Landscape style (Capability Brown regarded as too bland). Erected rock formations or	c.1768-1837		The Swiss Garden Hawkstone Follies Hafod (N.Wales)	William Gilpin Uvedale Price (1747-1829) Richar Payne Knight (1751 1824)





	used existing ones to create "sublime" feelings .				
Victorian	Huge increase in exotic plants brought from Far	1837-1901	Gardenesque	Sheffield Park	William Andrews
	East, Australasia, South and Central America)		19 th Century	Leonardslee	Nesfield (1793-
	(Rhdodendrons, camellias,liles, pine trees). Vast			Trentham	1881)
	cast iron greenhouses built to house tender			Chatsworth	John and Jane
	specimens, and tender bedding developed for			Syon House	Loudon (Gardener's
	intricate seasonal display. Labour intensive on a			Arley Hall	Magazine)
	large scale, but also used in burgeoning middle			Kew Gardens	Ernest Wilson,
	class gardens by hobby gardeners. Walled Kitchen				David Douglas
	Gardens in their heyday with exotic fruits. The lawn				(Plant Hunters)
	becomes pre=eminant with invention of lawn				Joseph Paxton
	mower.				(Head Gardener).
Edwardian	More domestic scale, closer to the house using	1901-1914	Arts and Crafts	Hidcote	Gertrude Jekyll
	similar building materials of stone and wood. More		Cottage Gardens	Upton Grey	William Morris
	naturalistic planting and muted colour palette.			Great Dixter	Edwin Lutyens
	Return to perennial planting			Hetercombe	William Robinson
				West Dean	Thomas Mawson
				Buscot Park	Harold Peto
				Goddards	
				Iford Manor	
				Snowshill	
20 th Century	After two World Wars labour became short and		Modernist	Cliveden	Norah Lindsey
Gardens	gardens were forced to simplify. Smaller planting			East Lambrook Manor	Christopher Lloyd
	palette. Use of modern materials such as concrete			Sissinghurst	Vita Sackville West
	and glass, although some arts and craft style			Mottisfont	Margery Fish
	survived. Later in the century many heritage			The Homewood	Geoffrey Jellicoe
	gardens restored after decades of neglect.				
21 st Century	Green revolution prioritises nature. Wildlife		Contemporary	Arundel Castle	Bannermans
Gardens	gardening, perennial plants, minimal intervention.		Perennial style	Beningborough	Andy Sturgeon
	Also includes large scale urban planting of trees,			RHS Bridgewater	Harris Bugg
	grasses, pictorial meadows etc.			Scampston Hall	Piet Oudolf
				Trentham	Nigel Dunnett