

Basic Detail Report



Wild Buckwheat, Crescenta Foothills

Date

1919

Primary Maker

Elmer Wachtel

Medium

Oil on canvas

Description

This oil painting titled "Wild Buckwheat, Crescenta Foothills" from 1919 was painted by an early art critic for the Los Angeles Times called Elmer Wachtel, referred to as "the father of the local landscape school". Wachtel spent the first 30 years of the twentieth century capturing Southern California on canvas. But most importantly for the "plein air" artists of the 1920s, he was a member of the first group of landscapists of the 1890s who, working without precedent, developed the compositions that became popular with later artists. This painting, one of his finest, uses a favorite composition: a darkened foreground beyond which one views a sunlit valley and distant hills.

Dimensions

24 × 18 in. (61 × 45.7 cm) Framed: 27 × 33 × 2 1/4 in. (68.6 × 83.8 × 5.7 cm)