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Plants for sea and shore exposure

Living by the ocean can be tough on plants – few woody plants will survive seashore conditions. The following list will help you choose plants that will tolerate being on the beach or nearby areas.

Plants for seashores

Ammophila breviligulata (American beachgrass)
Artemisia stelleriana (Beach wormwood)
Solidago sempervirens (Seaside Goldenrod)

Juniperus chinensis (spreading and upright)
Juniperus conferta (Blue shore juniper)
Juniperus horizontalis (creeping and spreading)
Myrica pensylvanica (Bayberry)
Prunus maritima (Beach plum)
Rosa rugosa (Beach rose and hybrids)
Salix discolor (Pussy willow)
Salix species (Willows)
Sambucus canadensis (American elderberry)
Tamarix ramosissima (Tamarix)
Vaccinium angustifolium (Lowbush blueberry)
Vaccinium corymbosum (Highbush blueberry)
Viburnum dentatum (Arrowwood)
Viburnum prunifolium (Black haw)
Viburnum trilobum (American cranberry)
Yucca filamentosa (Yucca)

Plants for coastal plains

Trees

Amelanchier canadensis
(Shadblow/Serviceberry)
Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry)
Crataegus crusgalli (Cockspur hawthorne)
Crataegus phaenopyrum cordata (Washington hawthorn)
Gleditsia triocanthos inermis (Thornless honeylocust)
Juniperus virginiana (Eastern red cedar)
Ulmus parvifolia (Chinese elm)

Shrubs

Aronia arbutifolia brilliantissima (Red chockberry)
Aronia melanocarpa (Black chokeberry)
Baccharum halimifolia (Groundsel bush)
Clethra alnifolia paniculate (Summersweet)
Comptonia peregrina (Sweet fern)
Cotoneaster
Hydrangea
Hypericum hidcote (St Johnswort)
Ilex glabra (Inkberry)
Ilex verticillate (Winterberry)

Grasses

Festuca ovina glauca (Blue fescue)
Leymus arenarius glaucus (Blue lyme grass)

Groundcover and perennials

Artemisa
Euonymus fortune (Wintercreeper)
Hedera helis (Ivy)
Hemerocallis (Daylily)
Hibiscus moscheutos (Marsh mallow)
Lavandula (Lavender)
Santolina hybrids (Santolina)
Vaccinium macrocarpon (Cranberry)



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Plants for coastal bays and protected areas

Trees

Abies concolor (White fir)
Acer rubrum (Swamp maple)
Aesculus (Horse chestnut)
Caragana (Siberian peashrub)
Cedrus atlantica glauca (Blue Atlas cedar)
Cryptomeria japonica (Japanese cedar)
Fagus (Beech)
Fraxinus (White/Green ash)
Ilex opaca (American holly)
Malus (Flowering crabapples)
Morus (Mulberry)
Nyssa sylvatica (Black gum/Tupelo)
Picea abies (Norway spruce)
Pinus rigida (Pitch pine)
Pinus sylvestris (Scotch pine)
Pinus thunbergii (Japanese black pine)
Prunus serotina (Choke/Wild cherry)
Pyrus (Flowering/Fruiting pear)
Quercus alba (White oak)

Shrubs

Cytisus (Scotch broom)
Kalmia angustifolia (Sheep laurel)
Rosa (Rose hybrids)
Rosa rugosa (Beach rose and hybrids)
Spiraea (Spiraea hybrids)
Taxus (Yews)
Viburnum
Weigelia

Perennials

Achillea (Yarrow)
Armeria maritima (Sea pink)

Asclepias tuberosa (Butterfly weed)
Astilbe
Baptisia australis (False indigo)
Cimicifuga (bugbane)
Eryngium (Sea holly)
Hemerocallis (Daylily)
Hosta
Nepeta (Cat mint)
Nipponanthemum nipponicum (Montauk daisy)
Osmunda regalis (Royal fern)
Physostegia (False dragon's head)
Salvia (Meadow sage)
Sedum (Stonecrop)
Stachys (Lamb's ear)

Grasses

Chasmanthium latifolia (Northern sea oats)
Helictotrichon sempervirens (Blue oat/Avena grass)
Miscanthus sinensis (Maiden grass)
Panicum virgatum (Switch grass)
Pennisetum alopecuroides (Fountain grass)
Saccharum 'Ravennae' (Ravenna grass)

Groundcovers

Arctostaphylos uva ursi (Bearberry)
Calluna vulgaris (Heather)
Cotoneaster
Erica (Heath)
Juniperus conferta (Shore juniper)
Juniperus horizontalis (Low/Bar Harbor juniper)
Liriope
Pachysandra terminalis (Japanese spurge)
Parthenocissus quinquefolia (Virginia creeper)
Vinca minor (Myrtle/Periwinkle)