

Our helpful guide to
**COASTAL
PLANTS**



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THE CRUCIAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FEW WIND BLASTED TREES AND SHRUBS AND A BEAUTIFUL AND INTERESTING COASTAL GARDEN IS SHELTER FROM THE WORST OF THE WEATHER.

The mild coastal climate favours lots of exotic and interesting plants, many of which would be too tender to survive inland. In Cornwall there is a world of difference between conditions on the wilder north coast and the comparatively tame south.

Understanding the conditions in your garden is crucial. A good starting point is to have a look at neighbouring gardens and see what grows well or badly. Note how much protection the plants require to look good. Newcomers to coastal gardening can spend lots of money on plants and be disappointed with the results if they ignore the effects of salt and wind. Shelter from salt and

wind is essential in the establishment of a coastal garden. While establishing a garden a permeable windbreak can be used to reduce the strength of the wind. This will help prevent scorching and blackening of leaf edges and provide temporary protection until a living wind break (a hedge or double row of trees) or shelter belt (a wide band of tall trees and shrubs) has matured.

GIVE PLANTS A GOOD START IN LIFE

To give plants a good start in life preparation is key.

Prepare soil well, water them until established, hose them down if gales cover them in salt.

Remember that small plants will establish better than large ones.

Also, as a general rule, plants with narrow, grass- or needle-like leaves, and those with silvery, leathery, shiny or waxy leaves will do well.

We have put together some lists of our most popular plants to help you get started gardening by the sea. This list isn't exhaustive so please feel free to ask for advice.

TREES

- Acacia dealbata (EV) (M)
- Alnus (*)
- Arbutus (EV)
- Betula pendula (M)
- Camellia (EV) (M)
- Carpinus betulus (N)
- Castanea sativa (*)
- Ceanothus (EV) (M)
- Cordyline australis (EV) (M)
- Cotoneaster (EV) (M)
- Crataegus (Hawthorn) (*)
- Cryptomeria japonica (M)
- Cupressocyparis (M)
- Cupressus macrocarpa (*)
- Cupressus macrocarpa lutea (*)
- Elaeagnus (EV) (M)
- Eucalyptus (EV) (M)

- Griselinia (EV) (M)
- Ilex (EV) (M)
- Laurus nobilis (EV) (M)
- Ligustrum lucidum (EV) (M)
- Myrtus (EV) (M)
- Olearia traversii (*)
- Pinus (*) many varieties
- Populus alba (*)
- Prunus (Cherries) (M)
- Prunus spinosa (Blackthorn) (*)
- Quercus ilex (ev) (*)
- Quercus petraea (*)
- Quercus Robur (English Oak) (*)
- Salix (N)
- Sorbus aria (Whitebeam):(N)
- Sorbus aucuparia (N)
- Trachycarpus fortunei (M)



KEY

- ***: Extremely tough, suitable for shelter belts
- SH**: Will tolerate shade/part shade
- EG**: Evergreen
- N**: Suitable for colder /northerly coastal areas
- M**: Suitable for milder/southerly coastal areas or need some shelter
- GR**: Ground Cover

SHRUBS

Aucuba (SH) (*)
Azalea japonica varieties (SH)
Berberis (SH) (*)
Brachyglottis (*)
Buddleia (*)
Bupleurum fruitcosum (*) (EV)
Callistemon (EV)
Camellia (SH)
Ceanothus
Choisya (SH)
Cistus
Cistus laurifolius (*)
Convolvulus cneorum (EV)
Coprosma
Cordyline australis (*)
Corokia
Correa (EV)
Cotinus coggygria (M)
Cotoneaster (SH)
Cytisus
Dodonaea
Elaeagnus pungens 'Maculata' (*) (SH)
Elaeagnus x ebbingei (*) (SH)
Erica arborea (Tree Heather) (EV)
Euonymus japonicus (*)
Eupatorium
Euryops pectinatus
Fabiana
Fargesia
Fatsia (SH)
Forsythia
Fuchsia (SH)
Garrya (SH)
Genista
Grevillea
Griselinia littoralis (*)
Halimicistis
Hebe (*) (EV)
Hippophae (*)
Hydrangea (SH)

Hypericum
Ilex (SH) (EV)
Laurus nobilis (SH)
Lavandula (EV)
Lavatera
Leptospermum
Leycesteria
Ligustrum (SH) (*)
Lonicera nitida (N) (EV)
Lupinus arboreus (Tree Lupin)
Myrtus
Olearia (*) (EV)
Ozothamnus (EV)
Perovskia
Phlomis
Phormium tenax (*)
Phygelius
Pittosporum (EV)
Pittosporum tobira
Potentilla
Rhamnus
Rhapiolepis
Ribes 'Flowering currant' (*)
Romneya (Tree Poppy) (M)
Roses
Rosmarinus (EV)
Salvia officinalis purpurea
Sambucus nigra (*)
Santolina (EV)
Skimmia (SH)
Spartium (Spanish Broom) (*)
Spiraea
Syringa (M)
Tamarix (*)
Teucrium fruticans (EV)
Ulex
Viburnum tinus
Weigela
Yucca

GROUND COVER SHRUBS AND CONIFERS

Brachyglottis
Calluna vulgaris
Cotoneaster
Erica carnea
Euonymus fortunei varieties
Genista
Hebe
Helianthemum
Juniper
Lonicera pileata
Muehlenbeckia (*)
Pachysandra (SH)
Phlomis
Roses
Rosmarinus
Salix Prostrate forms
Teucrium
Ulex
Vinca

ROCK GARDEN/ ALPINES SHRUBS

Ajuga
Alchemilla erythropoda
Armeria (GR)
Aubretia (GR)
Delosperma (EV) (M)
Dianthus alpinus
Erigeron
Erodium
Helianthemum (GR)
Lampranthus (EV) (M)
Parahebe
Phlox subulata
Pulsatilla (GR)
Rhodanthemum (M)
Saxifraga (N)
Sedum
Silene uniflora
Veronica

CLIMBERS/WALL SHRUBS

Abutilon
Berberidopsis corallina
Camellia (EV)
Campsis
Clematis flammula
Clematis montana
Clematis tangutica
Clianthus
Fremontedendron
Garrya (EV)
Hedera (EV)
Hydrangea petiolaris, anomala, seemanii (EV)
Lonicera (Honeysuckle)
Muehlenbeckia (SH) (GR) (*)
Parthenocissus quinquefolia
Passiflora caerulea
Pyracantha
Solanum
Sollya heterophylla
Trachelospermum (EV) (M)
Vitis vinifera

HEDGING

Cupressus macrocarpa 'Lutea'
Elaeagnus x ebbingei (*)
Euonymus japonicus
Fuchsia
Griselinia (*)
Olearia (*)
Phormium

HARDY PERENNIALS

Achillea
 Aconitum
 Agapanthus
 Ajuga (GR)
 Alchemilla (GR)
 Alstroemeria
 Anaphalis
 Anemone
 Anthemis
 Artemisia
 Aster
 Bergenia (SH) (GR)
 Campanula (GR)
 Catananche
 Centaurea
 Centranthus
 Chrysanthemum
 Crambe
 Crocosmia
 Cynara
 Dianthus
 Dierama
 Echinops
 Erigeron (GR)
 Eryngium
 Euphorbia
 Geranium (SH)
 Gypsophila
 Hemerocallis
 Hesperanthus (Schizostylis)
 Heuchera (SH)
 Iberis (GR)
 Iris foetidissima
 Kniphofia (Red Hot Poker)
 Leucanthemum
 Libertia
 Limonium (GR)
 Linaria
 Lupin
 Lychnis chalconica, coronaria
 Matthiola
 Mimulus

Nepeta
 Nerine
 Oenothera
 Osteospermum (GR)
 Papaver
 Penstemon
 Phlomis
 Persicaria
 Potentilla (GR)
 Pulsatilla
 Rudbeckia
 Salvia (greggii, x jamensis, microphylla, superba) (M)
 Scabiosa
 Scrophularia
 Sedum (hylotelephium)
 Sisyrinchium
 Stachys byzantina (GR)
 Stokesia
 Veronica longifolia, spicata (GR)
 Watsonia
 Zantedeschia



GRASSES

Acorus gramineus
 Anemanthele lessoniana (Stipa arundinacea)
 Calamagrostis
 Carex
 Cortaderia (Pampas Grass)
 Festuca glauca
 Helictotrichon sempervirens
 Milium effusum
 Miscanthus
 Panicum
 Pennisetum Hameln
 Schizachyrium scoparium
 Sesleria
 Stipa
 Lomandra

EXOTIC LOOKING

Abutilon
 Aeonium
 Agave
 Beschorneria yuccoides
 Chamaerops humilis
 Colutea
 Cordyline (Cornish Palm)
 Dicksonia antarctica (Tree Fern) (SH) (M)
 Echeveria
 Echium
 Fascicularia
 Fatsia (SH)
 Geranium palmatum (M)
 Phormium
 Puya
 Trachycarpus fortune
 Yucca

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