

Best shrubs for flower

Azalea (<i>acid soil only</i>)	Hebe
Berberis darwinii	Hydrangea
Berberis x stenophylla	Hypericum
Buddleia	Lavandula
Callistemom 'Bottle	Lavatera
Brush'	Leptospermum
Camellia (<i>acid soil only</i>)	Leycesteria
Ceanothus	Lupinus arboreus
Choisya	(Tree Lupin)
Cistus	Myrtus
Convolvulus	Olearia
Cortaderia (<i>Pampas Grass</i>)	Phlomis
Cytisus 'Broom'	Phygelius
Erica arborea 'Tree	Potentilla
Heather'	Ribes
Escallonia	Roses
Eupatorium	Rosmarinus
Fabiana	Santolina
Forsythia	'Cotton Lavender'
Fuchsia	Skimmia
Genista	Spiraea
Halimocistus	Ulex 'Gorse'
	Viburnum tinus
	Weigela



More exotic looking

Abutilon	Echium
Agave	Fatsia
Aeonium	Fasicularia
Beschornaria yuccoides	Geranium palmatum
Chamaerops humilis 'Fan	Hedychium gardnerianum
Palm'	'Ginger lily'
Colutea	Metrosideros lucida
Cordyline 'Cabbage	Phormium
Palm'	Puya
Dicksonia antarctica	Trachycarpus fortunei
(Tree Fern)	'Chusan Palm'
Echevera	

Evergreen trees

(With approx hight, all need shelter except Quercus ilex and Arbutus)

(Strawberry tree)

Acacia dealbata 20'	Griselina 15'+
Camellias 12'	Ilex
Ceanothus	(Especially
'Trewithen Blue'	Hodginsii) 8-10'
10'	Laurus nobilis 10'
Cordyline australis	Ligustrum lucidum
20'	15'
Cotoneaster 15'	Myrtus 10'
Elaeagnus 8-10'	Piptanthus 19'
Eucalyptus 15'+	Quercus ilex 40-75'

Shrubs with Silver/ grey/ blue foliage

Brachyglottis	Perovskia
Buddleia 'Lochinch'	Phlomis
Hebe 'Pagei'	Pittosporum
Ilex aquifolium 'Silver Queen'	Potentilla
Ilex aquis 'Argentea Marginata'	Rosmarinus
Lavandula	Santolina
Olearia	Teucrium fruticans
Ozothamnus 'Silver jubilee'	

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COASTAL PLANTS



Here are some helpful lists based on the frequently asked questions on gardening by the sea.

Newcomers to coastal gardening can spend a lot 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 garden.

Artificial screening will filter the wind, this will help prevent scorching and blackening of leaf edges and give protection until a living shelter belt has matured.

Many people complain that coastal plants and gardens are dull.

Have a look at neighbouring gardens and see what grows well or badly.

Note how much protection the plants require to look good. 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 wild north coast and the comparatively tame south.

The crucial difference between a few wind blasted trees and shrubs and a beautiful garden is shelter from the worst of the weather.

Give plants a good start in life

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

Always remember that small plants will establish better than large ones.

Plant defences against salt and wind

Grey foliage i.e. *Elaeagnus x eddingei*

Highly glossy foliage i.e. *Euonymus japonicus*

Tough narrow shoots instead of leaves i.e. *Spartium junceum*

Extra tough skin i.e. Herbs

Sticky gum i.e. *Escallonia macrantha*

Stunted growth

Plants which tolerate shade

Arundinaria	Hedera	Aucuba
Aucuba	Hydrangea	Cupressus macrocarpa
Azalea	Ilex	'Lutea'
Barberis	Iris foetidissima	Elaeagnun
Bergenia	Lamium	Euonymus
Camellia	Laurus nobilis	Bowle's golden grass
Choisya	Ligustrum	Golden grass
Cotoneaster	Lonicera pileata	Ilex x alta 'Golden king'
Elaeagnus	Muehlenbeckia	Ilex x altaclarensis
Euonymus	Pachysandra	'Lawsoniana'
Fatsia	Rhododendron	Ligustrum ovalifolium
Fuchsia	ponticum	Aureum 'Golden privet'
Garrya	Skimmia	Lonicera 'Baggesen's gold'
Geranium		Origanum aureum

Gold foliage

'Gold marjorum'
Pittosporum
Sambucus
'Plumosa Aurea'
Sambucus
'Sutherland gold'
Spiraea

Best coastal hedging plants

Cupressus macrocarpa 'Lutea'
 Elaeagnus x eddingei
 Escallonia marantha
 Euonymus japonicus
 Fuchsia
 Griselinia
 Olearia
 Phormium

Ground cover shrubs and conifers

Brachyglottis
 Calluna vulgaris
 Cotoneaster
 Erica carnea
 Euonymus fortunei varieties
 Genista
 Hebe/Juniper
 Lonicera pileata
 Meuhlenbeckia
 Phlomis
 Roses
 Rosmarinus
 Salix: Prostrate forms
 Teucrium
 Ulex

Very tolerant trees

(Most will scorch on seaward side in extreme conditions)
 Acer pseudoplatanus 'Sycamore'
(The toughest deciduous coastal tree)
 Alnus (Fast growing)
 Castanea sativa 'Sweet chestnut'
 Crataegus 'Thorn'
 Cupressus macrocarpa 'Monterey Cyprus'

Ground cover perennials

Ajuga
 Alchemilla
 Armeria
 Aubretia
 Bergenia
 Campanula
 Dianthus
 Erigeron
 Erodium
 Eryngium
 Euphorbia
 Geranium
 Helianthemum
 Heuchera
 Iberis
 Lathyrus
 Limonium
 Mesembryanthemum
 Osteospermum
 Polygonum
 Potentilla
 Pulsatilla
 Salvia
 Desum
 Stachys
 Veronica
 Vinca

Silver/grey/blue foliage perennials

Achillea
 Anaphalis
 Anthemis
 Artemisia
 Centaurea
 Convolvulus cneorum
 Convolvulus mauritanicus
 Eryngium
 Euphorbia myrsinites
 Euryops pectinatus
 Helichrysum
 Stachys

Climbers and wall shrubs

Abutilon
 Berberidopsis corallina
 Camellia
 Camsis
 Clianthus
 Clematis flammula
 Clematis montana
 Celmatis tangutica
 Fremontedendron -californicum
 Garrya
 Hedera 'Ivy'
 Hydrangea petiolaris
 Lonicera 'Honeysuckle'
 Muehlenbeckia
 Passiflora caerulea 'passion flower'
 Plumbago capensis
 Pyracantha 'Firethorn'
 Solanum
 Sollya heterophylla
 Teucrium fruiticans
 Trachelospermum
 Vitis vinifera

(Very wind tolerant)

Fraxininus 'Ash'
 Olearia traversii
 Picea sitchensis 'Sitka spruce'
 Pinus contorta 'Lodge/Shore pine'
 Pinus nigra nigre 'Austrian pine'
 Pinus nigra maritima 'Corsican pine'
 Pinus nigra **(Dwarf/ ground cover)**
 Pinus muricata 'Bishop pine'
 Pinus pinaster 'Maritime pine'
 Pinus radiata 'Monterey pine'
 Pinus thunbergii 'Japanese black pine'
 Populus alba 'White poplar' **(Fast growing)**
 Populus canescens 'Grey poplar' **(Fast growing)**
 Populus robusta **(Fast growing)**
 Populus serotina **(Fast growing)**
 Quercus ilex 'Holm oak'
(Large evergreen, very tolerant)
 quercus cerris 'Turkey oak'
 Quercus petraea
 Quercus rober 'English oak'
 Quercus x turneri 'Turners oask'
 Salix 'Willow' **(Especially Alba and Caprea)**
 Sorbus aria 'Whitebeam'
 Sorbus aucuparia 'Rowan/ Mountain ash'
 Sorbus intermedia 'Swedish whitebeam'

Trees which need more shelter

Cryptomeria japonica
 Cupressocyparis leylandii
 Sorbus thibetica 'John Mitchell'
 Trachycarpus fortunei
 'Chusan palm'
 Eucalyptus
 Prunus 'Cherries'
 Pyrus 'Pears'
 Acacia

Tough plants for shelter belts**(Most will scorch on the seaward side in extreme conditions)**

Arundinaria 'Bamboo'
 Acuba 'Spotted Laurel'
 Berberis x stenophylla
 Brachyglottis monroi
 Rotundifolius 'Sunshine'
 Buddleia davidii
 Bupleurum fruiticosum
 Cassinia 'Cottonwood'
 Cistus laurifolius
 Cordyline australis 'Cabbage palm'
 Elaeagnus x ebbingei
 Escallonia macrantha
 Euonymus japonicus
 Fuchsia
 Criselinia littoralis
 Hebe
 Hippophae
 Ligustrum 'Privet'
 Muehlenbekia
 Olearia
 Phormium tenax 'New Zealand Flax'
 Prunus spinosa 'Blackthorn'
 Rhododendron ponticum
 'Wild Rhododendron'
 Ribes 'Flowering Currant'
 Sambucus nigra 'Elder'
 Spartium junceum 'Spanish Broom'
 Tamarix

**More perennials**

Aconitum
 Alstromeria
 Anemone
 Arthropodium
 Aster
 Catananche
 Centranthus
 Chrysanthemum
 Crambe
 Dierama
 Echinops
 Glasiolus
 Gypsophila
 Libertia
 Linaria
 Lychnis flos-jouis
 Mathiola
 Mimulus
 Morina
 Nepeta
 Nerine
 Oenothera
 Origanum
 Papaver
 Penstemon
 Rudbeckia
 Scabiosa
 Schizostykus
 Scrophularia
 Sempervivum
 Sisyrinchium
 Stokesia
 Watsonia
 Zantedeschia
 Iris

Good lookers**(Plants no seaside garden should be without)**

Agapanthus
 Calceolaria integrifolia
 Camellias **(Acid soil only)**
 Ceanothus
 Convolvulus cneorum
 Correa
 Crocosmia
 Elaeagnus pungens 'Maculat'
 Elaeagnus x ebbingei 'Coastal gold'
 Erigeron
 Eryngium 'Sea Holly'
 Eucalyptus
 Euphorbia
 Fuchsia
 Hydrangea
 Kniphofia 'Red Hot Pokers'
 Lavatera 'Mallow'
 Leycesteria
 Osteospermum
 Phygelius
 Pittosporum tobira
 Sedum

Red/ purple/ bronze foliage

Ajuga
 Berberis thunbergii
 Atropurpurea
 Cordyline
 Dodonea
 Phormium
 Pittosporum puroureum
 Pittosporum 'Tom Thumb'
 Salvia officinalis 'Purpurea'
 Weigela flor. 'Foliis Purpureus'

Plants which prefer full sun

Agapanthus
 Artenesia
 Barchyglottis
 Budleia
 Callistemon
 Ceanothus
 Cistus
 Convolvulus
 Coprosma
 Cordyline
 Corokia
 Cotoneaster
 Cytisus
 Forsythis
 Genista
 Geranium
 Grevillea
 Halimiocistus
 Hebe
 Helichrysum
 Hypericum
 Ilex
 Juniper
 Lavandula
 Lavatera
 Leptospermum
 Lupins
 Myrtus
 Olearia
 Osteospermum
 Ozothamnus
 Phlomis
 Phygelius
 Pines
 Potentilla
 Rhamnus
 Rhaphiolepis
 Ribes
 Rosmarinus
 Sambucus
 Santolina
 Spartium
 Tamarix
 Tecrium
 Ulex
 Weigela
 Yucca