

CONIFERS

Chamaecyparis lawsoniana- **Port Orford Cedar**. Pyramidal shape with lacy, drooping foliage. To 60'.

Chamaecyparis obtuta 'Gracilis'- **Slender Hinoki Cypress**. Narrow, upright growth habit to 20'.

Cupressocyparis leylandii- **Leyland Cypress**. Can grow very fast with long, slender branches.

Picea sitchensis- **Sitka Spruce**. Pyramidal, to 100'.

Pinus contorta- **Shore Pine**. Quick growing to 20-35'. Needs regular water.

Pinus thunbergii- **Japanese Black Pine**. Growth varies by variety, overall wonderfully tolerant.

Pseudotsuga menziesii- **Douglas Fir**. Pyramidal growth when young. PNW native.

Sequoia sempervirens- **Coast Redwood**. Fast growing. Needs regular water.

Thuja plicata- **Western Red Cedar**. Moderate to fast growth, can be enormous, but can be kept smaller with annual pruning.

Tsuga heterophylla- **Western Hemlock**. Also a native to the PNW, but much slower growing than the Western Red Cedar.

TREES

Acer macrophyllum- **Big Leaf Maple**. Native, to 75'.

Alnus rubra- **Red Alder**. Grows 45-50', beautiful smooth gray bark.

Arbutus x 'Marina'- **Strawberry Tree**. Evergreen, 40'.

Cotinus spp.- **Smoke Tree**. Normally multistemmed, but can be pruned to standard form. Sizes vary with variety. Thrives in poor soils.

Eucalyptus spp.- **Eucalyptus**. Sizes vary by species.

Robinia pseudoacacia- **Black Locust**. Fast growing to 75'. Wonderful fragrant flowers.

Salix caprea- **French Pussy Willow**. Fast growing to 25'. Can be kept small by cutting back every year.

Vitex agnus-castus- **Chaste Tree**. Easily pruned into standard form. Blooms summer to fall with fragrant blue flowers.

SHRUBS

Abelia grandiflora- **Glossy Abelia**. Evergreen shrub with tubular flowers.

Buxus sempervirens- **English Boxwood**. Evergreen. Used mostly for hedging.

Carpenteria californica- **Bush Anemone**. Evergreen shrub, to 4-6'. Flowers late spring- summer.

Ceanothus spp.- **California/Wild Lilac**. Wide variety of evergreen shrubs, size varies by variety. Once established a very carefree plant.

Choisya ternata- **Mexican Orange**. Evergreen for shady situations. Grows 6-8'.

Cistus spp.- **Rockrose**. Evergreen, flowering choice. Sizes vary, most flower through spring into summer.

Clethra alnifolia- **Summersweet**. Deciduous flowering shrub, to 4-10'.

Comptonia peregrina- **Sweet Fern**. Lovely spreading shrub with fern-like, aromatic foliage.

Duranta 'Sweet Memory'- **Sky Flower**. Evergreen shrub bearing attractive blue flowers in summer.

Escallonia spp.- **Escallonia**. Fast growing evergreen shrubs. Dependable flowering in summer and fall. Can be used as a hedging alternative.

Garrya elliptica 'James Roof'- **Coast Silktassel**. Another great native! Large shrub, to 10-20'.

Heaths & Heathers. Known in the botanical world as *Erica* and *Calluna*, great evergreen choice for the coast. Most are low and spreading.

Hebe- **Hebe**. Evergreen shrubs, provide interesting texture (flowers too!). Sizes vary depending on variety.

Hippophae rhamnoides- **Sea Buckthorn**. Usually an open, mounding shrub, to 8-10'. Flowers are small, but the fruit is very showy and lasts through winter.

Hydrangea spp.- **Hydrangea**. Needs rich, porous soil.

Myrica californica- **Pacific Wax Myrtle**. Evergreen shrub or tree, to 30'.

Phormium tenax- **New Zealand Flax**. Evergreen shrub that needs excellent drainage. Sizes vary by variety.

Prunus x cistena- **Dwarf Purple-leaved Plum**. 6-8' multistemmed shrub with fragrant flowers.

Pyracantha spp.- **Firethorn**. Fast growing evergreen shrub. Sizes vary by species.

Rosa rugosa- **Rugosa Rose**. Grows 3-6'. This type of rose is especially hardy and well suited for the coast.

Syringa vulgaris- **Common Lilac**. Can reach 20'.

Vaccinium ovatum- **Evergreen Huckleberry**. Can be grown in sun or shade!

PERENNIALS

Achillea-Yarrow

Festuca-Fescue

Arabis- Rockcress

Gaillardia-Blanket Flower

Armeria-Thrift, Sea Pink

Geranium

Artemisia-Wormwood

Gypsophila-Baby's Breath

Carex-Sedge

Helianthemum-Sunrose

Coreopsis-Tickseed

Hemerocallis-Daylily

Crocsmia

Kniphofia-Red-Hot Poker

Dianthus-Pinks

Limonium-Sea Lavender

Echinops-Globe Thistle

Sempervivum-Hens & Chicks

Erigeron-Fleabane



HERBS	GROUND COVERS
Lavender	Arctostaphylos
Oregano	Ceanothus 'Point Reyes'
Rosemary	Fragaria chiloensis
Sage	Gautheria shallon
Santolina	Juniperus spp.
Thyme	Lithodora



COASTAL PLANTINGS

This brochure will serve as a guideline for those inquiring about flora that will do well along the Pacific coast. Research into micro climates led me to consult with nurseries in Lincoln City, Oregon. The micro climates may vary from block to block or from one side of the lake to the other. A gardener at the Pacific coast will have alkaline soil closer to the ocean. With this type of soil one would need to add compost and possibly an acidifying amendment to balance pH. The further away from the beach, the less alkaline the soil will be. It is strongly suggested you become acquainted with your own micro climates, as well as soil pH. A good starting point is to observe what plants your neighbors have in their gardens.

FURTHER READING

Portland Nursery suggests the following resources for further research:

Taylor's Guide to Seashore Gardening
The Pacific Northwest Gardeners Book of Lists
Sunset Western Garden Book

Reference sources used in this flier:

Taylor's Guide to Seashore Gardening-Boston, New York 1996
Blakes Coastal Garden- Lincoln City, Oregon
Bear Valley Nursery-Lincoln City, Oregon

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