



Information Sheet: Coastal Plants

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It is not as hard as you think to have a successful garden on the coast. Many plants grow well even with front line salt spray. Here is a list of native and exotic plants that will tolerate such conditions. The ultimate heights of some of the plants will vary depending on the degree of exposure in the garden. Taller plants could become 'wind pruned' and not grow to the height they would in a more sheltered position.

Small Shrubs

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	COMMENTS
<i>Acacia longifolia</i>	Golden Wattle	Bushy
<i>Acacia sophorae</i>	Coast Wattle	Bushy
<i>Anigozanthos flavidus</i>	Kangaroo paw	Big Red or Yellow Gem
<i>Carpobrotus glaucescens</i>	Pig Face	Bright purple flowers
<i>Correa alba</i>	White Correa	Grey foliage
<i>Correa reflexa</i>	Correa	Bell flowers
<i>Epacris longiflora</i>	Native fuchsia	Wirey
<i>Gazania spp</i>	Gazania	Mixed flower colours
<i>Hebe</i>	Veronica	White, purple or pink
<i>Isopogon species</i>	Drumsticks	Yellow cone flower
<i>Lambertia formosa</i>	Mountain Devil	Unusual flowers
<i>Lavandula</i>	Lavander	Purple flowers, grey foliage
<i>Metrosideros Tahiti</i>	Dwarf NZ Xmas Bush	Red flowers
<i>Ricinocarpus pinifolius</i>	Wedding Bush	White fragrant flowers
<i>Rosemarinus officianalis</i>	Rosemary	Culinary
<i>Thryptomene saxicola</i>	Thryptomene	Dainty pink flowers
<i>Westringia fruticosa</i>	Coast rosemary	Grey foliage

Medium Shrubs

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	COMMENTS
<i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i>	Coastal tea tree	Blue-green foliage
<i>Eriostemon myoporoides</i>	Wax flower	White flower
<i>Eriostemon Profusion</i>	Wax flower	Curly flower
<i>Banksia - most species</i>	Banksia	Bird attracting
<i>Callistemon citrinus</i>	Endeavour/Western Glory	Tough leaf
<i>Melaleuca hypericifolia</i>	Hillock bush	Red flower
<i>Hibiscus species</i>	Hawaiian Hibiscus	Various colours
<i>Acmena smithii var. Minor</i>	Small leaf Lilly Pilly	Great screen

Trees

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	COMMENTS
<i>Elaeocarpus reticulatis</i>	Blueberry ash	Bird attracting
<i>Acmena smithii</i>	Lilly Pilly	Edible berry
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive tree	Attractive foliage
<i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i>	Black she-oak	Needle leaves
<i>Hibiscus tiliaceus</i>	Native Hibiscus	Good screen
<i>Cupaniopsis anacardioides</i>	Tuckeroo	Good shade tree