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Salt Tolerant Plants



Coastal homes are rapidly growing in popularity, however they do bring lots of problems to the avid gardener. This is because the plant material normally used to provide colour for an average garden can't be used here as the salt content of the air will cause severe leaf burn. Plants chosen for the coastal garden are, by necessity, hard leaved & often harsh in appearance. Plants that will tolerate a salty environment need to have a very tough cuticle (skin) to avoid salt burn. This often makes these plants look somewhat harsh but this is absolutely unavoidable for coastal unprotected areas.

Below is a list of plant material that will cope with the direct influences of salt spray with little damage. Of course other plant material will work but normally only in protected "micro-climates". You'll need to experiment to see what will grow in your area as lots of plants will grow in sheltered positions if the salt is washed off at regular intervals.

Try the plants listed below as they will tolerate *some* salt air if required & still lend a nice touch to the garden. Protect the softer leaved species for best results.

GROUNDCOVERS & CLIMBERS

Aptenia spp.
Arctotis spp.
Banksia hybrid "Birthday candles"
Coprosma x kirkii
Erigeron karvinskianum.
Gazania spp and hybrids.
Hibbertia scandens
Juniperus conferta & J.taxifolia "Lutchuensis"
Jun. procumbens cvs.
Kennedia spp.
Mesembryanthemum spp.
Phylla nodiflora
Scaevola aemula
Trachelospermum jasminoides & T. asiaticum
Thymus spp. & cvs.
Vitex ovata

TREES

Araucaria spp.
Banksia integrifolia & B.spinulosa
Callistemon salignus & other cvs
Casuarina equisetifolia. C.glauca
Cupaniopsis spp.
Eucalyptus robusta & E.haemastoma
Hibiscus tillaceus
Lagunaria patersonia
Leptospermum laevigatum
Melaleuca armillaris & M. quinquenervia
Nerium oleander
Olea spp.
Vitex cvs.

SHRUBS

Acacia spp. (some) eg. A.glaucescens
Acalypha cvs.
Abelia spp.
Agonis flexuosa "Nana"
Agapanthus spp. & cvs.
Banksia spp. & cvs.
Camellia...some cvs.
Callistemon spp. & cvs.
Coleonema cvs.
Cordyline spp.
Coprosma spp. & cvs.
Diets spp. & cvs.
Euryops spp
Hebe cvs.
Hibiscus cvs.
Juniperus spp. (some)
Lavendula spp (some)
Lomandra spp.
Leptospermum spp.
Metrosideros spp. & cvs.
Murraya cvs.
Melaleuca spp.
Nerium oleander....dwarf cvs.
Photinia x fraserii "Robusta"
Pittosporum spp & cvs. (some)
Raphiolepis spp. & cvs.
Rosmarinus spp.
Vitex spp. & cvs.
Viburnum tinus & V.odoratissimum
Westringia spp. & cvs.