

NLI Recommended Plant List for the Coast													
Botanical Name	Common Name	Recommended Cultivars	Notable Features	Growth Rate	Exposure Requirement	Native	USDA Hardiness Zones	Max. Mature Height	Max. Mature Width	Very Wet	Very Dry	Moist & Well Drained	Occasionally Dry
Tree Deciduous Large (Height: 40'+)													
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	red maple	'October Glory/'Red Sunset'	fall color	Rapid	Shade/sun	x	2-9	75'	45'	x		x	x
<i>Betula nigra</i>	river birch	'Heritage® 'Cully/'Dura Heat/'Summer Cascade'	fast growing, multi-stemmed, papery peeling bark, play props	Rapid	Shade/part sun	x	4-8	70'	60'	x		x	x
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	hackberry		tough, drought tolerant, graceful form	Moderate/rapid	Full sun	x	2-9	60'	60'	x		x	x
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	american beech		smooth textured bark, play props	Slow	Shade/part sun	x	3-8	75'	60'			x	x
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	ginkgo; maidenhair tree	'Autumn Gold/'The President'	yellow fall color	Slow/moderate	Full sun		3-9	70'	40'			x	x
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis</i>	thornless honey locust	Shademaster®/ Skyline®	good dappled shade, fall color, quick growing, salt tolerant, tolerant of acid, alkaline, wind.	Rapid	Full sun/part shade	x	3-8	75'	50'			x	x
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	black gum	'Wildfire/'Red Rage® 'Hayman's Red'	good fall color, yellow to orange to red	Slow/moderate		x	4-9	60'	30'				
<i>Quercus lyrata</i>	overcup oak	'Highbeam'	play props.		Full sun	x	5-9	60'	50'	x		x	x
<i>Quercus phellos</i>	willow oak	'Hightower'	play props, wet tolerant	Fast	Full sun	x	5-9	80'	40'	x	x	x	x
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	baldcypress	'Shawnee Brave'	fall color, play props	Moderate	Full sun	x	4-9	70'	30'	x		x	x
<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	chinese elm	'Allee/'Bosque'	peeling bark, graceful form	Moderate-Rapid	Full sun/part shade		4-9	70'	50'			x	x
<i>Zelkova serrata</i>	japanese zelkova	Village Green™	vase-shaped form	Moderate	Full sun		5-8	80'	75'			x	x
Tree Deciduous Medium (Height: 30-40')													
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	american hornbeam/ musclewood		sinewy bark	Slow	Shade/part sun	x	3-9	30'	40'	x		x	
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	eastern redbud	'Forest Pansy' (purple foliage)	quick growing, play props, pink flowers in spring	Rapid	Full sun/part shade	x	6-8	30'	25'			x	x
<i>Cornus florida</i>	flowering dogwood	'Cloud 9' (white flowers)/'Rubra' (pink flowers)	white flowers in spring	Moderate	Full sun/part shade	x	5-9	30'	30'			x	x
<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	chinese pistache		good fall color, drought tolerant	Moderate	Full sun/part shade		6-9	35'	35'			x	x
Tree Deciduous Small (Height: 12-25')													
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	fringe tree	'Spring Fleecing'	fringe white flowers in spring	Slow	Full sun/part shade	x	3-9	20'	15'				x
<i>Cornus mas</i>	cornelian-cherry	'Spring Glow'	white flowers in spring, fruit is edible	Slow	Full sun/part shade		5-8	25'	18'				x
<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	crape myrtle	'Natchez/'Tuscarora'	child-scale, good low level climbing potential, good fall color	Moderate	Full sun		7-9	25'	25'			x	x
<i>Magnolia stellata</i>	star magnolia	'Royal Star'	play props, showy white flowers in late winter to early spring	Slow	Full sun/part shade		5-8	20'	15'				x
<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	chaste tree		child-scale, purple flowers in summer, fast-growing	Moderate	Full sun		7-9	20'	15'				x
Tree Evergreen Large (Height: 40'+)													
<i>Chamaecyparis thyoides</i>	atlantic white cedar		tolerates wet, columnar form, cones good play props	Moderate	Full sun/part shade	x	3-9	90'	20'				x
<i>Ilex opaca</i>	american holly		pyramidal to columnar form, red berries in winter, slow growth rate	Slow	Full sun/part shade	x	5-9	60'	35'				x
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	eastern redcedar	'Brodie' (columnar form)	wildlife attraction, drought tolerant, aromatic foliage and wood	Moderate	Full sun	x	2-9	50'	20'				x
<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	southern magnolia	'Bracken's Brown Beauty/'Kay Parris'	play props, showy fragrant white flowers in late spring through summer, tolerates sand, salt	Slow/moderate	Full sun/part shade	x	7-9	80'	50'				x
<i>Pinus taeda</i>	loblolly pine			Rapid	Full sun/part shade	x	6-9	90'	40'				x
<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	live oak		wide-spreading large, graceful tree, good for climbing	Moderate	Full sun	x	7b-10	85'	50'				x
Tree Evergreen Medium (Height: 30-40')													
<i>Ilex x attenuata 'Foster'</i>	Foster's holly		dense, conical habit	Slow	Full sun/part shade		6-9	30'	15'			x	x
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	sweet bay magnolia	'Wilson'	semi-evergreen tree, play props, showy white flowers, wet tolerant	Moderate/rapid	Full sun/part shade	x	5-9	30'	20'	x			x
<i>Osmanthus fragrans</i>	tea olive		strongly scented small flowers bloom in fall	Moderate	Full sun/part shade		7-10	30'	12'				x
Tree Evergreen Small (Height: 10-25')													
<i>Camellia japonica</i>	Japanese camellia		flowers in spring	Slow/moderate	Partial shade		7-9	15'	10'				x
<i>Camellia sasanqua</i>	sasanqua camellia		flowers in fall, tolerates drought	Moderate	Light Shade		6-9	12'	6'				x
<i>Ilex glabra</i>	inkberry		spineless leaves, black berries, tolerates wet and salt	Slow	Partial shade	x	4-11	20'	12'	x			x
<i>Morella cerifera</i>	southern waxmyrtle		fruit good play props, can make wax from them, attracts wildlife, tolerates drought, sand, & salt	Rapid	Full sun/part shade	x	7b-11	15'	10'				x
Tree Edibles													
<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	pecan		edible nuts, play props, intolerant of salt	Moderate	Full sun/part shade	x	5-9	100'	75'			x	x
<i>Diospyros kaki</i>	asian persimmon	'Fuyu', 'Jiro', 'Hanagoshō'	edible fruit ripens in fall, both male and female necessary for fruit	Slow / moderate	Full sun		4-8	40'	25'				x
<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	loquat		evergreen tree, edible fruit ripens in winter or spring, wildlife attraction, grafted selections most reliably produce fruit	Moderate	Full sun/part shade		8-10	25'	10'				x

<i>Ficus carica</i> 'Brown Turkey'	fig tree		edible fruit in late summer, child-scale	Moderate	Full sun		8-10	15'	15'				x	x
Shrub Deciduous Medium (Height: 6-10')														
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	sweet pepperbush	'Ruby Spice'	very fragrant white-pink flowers in summer, thrives in wet conditions		partial shade, but ada	x	4-8	8'	5'					
<i>Forsythia x intermedia</i>	forsythia		bright yellow flowers cover the shrub before leaves emerge in spring.	Rapid	Full sun/part shade		6-8	10'	12'					x
<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i>	rose-of-sharon		large colorful flowers in summer, drought tolerant	Slow	Full sun/part shade		5-9	10'	10'				x	x
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	spicebush		spicy scent on some varieties, good fall color, attracts wildlife, shade tolerant		full sun/full shade	x	5-9	10'	10'					
Shrub Deciduous Small (Height: 1-5')														
<i>Abelia x grandiflora</i> 'Edward Goucher'	Edward Goucher' glossy abelia		semi-evergreen, lilac-pink flowers, attracts bees & other pollinators	Moderate	Full sun/part shade		6-9	5'	6'					x
<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	American beautyberry	'Lactea'	play props, purple berries in fall	Moderate	Full sun/part shade	x	6-10	4'	5'				x	x
<i>Callicarpa dichotoma</i>	purple beautyberry	'Early Amethyst/ 'Issai'	play props, purple berries in fall	Moderate	Full sun/part shade		5-8	4'	5'				x	x
<i>Itea virginica</i>	Virginia sweet spire	'Henry's Garnet'	good fall color, white flowers in spring, wet tolerant	Medium	Full sun/part shade	x	5-9	5'	6'	x	x	x	x	x
<i>Jasminum nudiflorum</i>	winter jasmine		yellow flowers in late winter, willow green stems showy in winter.	Fast	Full sun/part shade		6-10	4'	7'					x
<i>Spiraea x bumalda</i>	Spiraea	'Anthony Waterer/ 'Goldmound'	spring blooming	Moderate	Full sun/part shade		5-9	4'	5'					x
Shrub Evergreen Large (Height: 10'+)														
<i>Camellia japonica</i>	Japanese camellia		flowers in spring	Slow/moderate	Partial shade		7-9	15'	10'					x
<i>Camellia sasanqua</i>	sasanqua camellia		flowers in fall, tolerates drought	Moderate	Light Shade		6-9	12'	6'					x
<i>Morella cerifera</i>	southern waxmyrtle		fruit good play props, can make wax from them, attracts wildlife, tolerates drought, sand, & salt	Rapid	Full sun/part shade	x	7b-11	15'	10'					x
Shrub Evergreen Medium (Height: 6-10')														
<i>Abelia chinensis</i>	Chinese abelia	'Rose Creek'		Moderate-rapid	Full sun/part shade		7-9	7'	6'					x
<i>Callistemon citrinus</i>	Bottlebrush bush				Full sun		10-Aug	10'	9'				x	x
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	common juniper			Slow	Full sun	x	2-8	10'	12'	x	x	x	x	x
<i>Raphiolepis umbellata</i>	Indian hawthorn		glossy leaves, white flowers, tolerates salt spray	Rapid	Full sun		6-10	6'	10'				x	x
Shrub Evergreen Small (Height: 1-5')														
<i>Gardenia jasminoides</i> 'Kleim's Hardy'	Kleim's hardy gardenia		scented white flowers, glossy leaves, compact, refined form, very tolerant of any soil type, tolerates salt	Moderate	Full sun/part shade		7-10	3'	3'					x
<i>Ilex vomitoria</i> 'Nana'	dwarf yaupon holly		drought tolerant, purple flowers in spring/summer	Moderate/Rapid	Sun/Partial Shade	x	7-10	5'	8'	x				x
<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	Spanish lavender		scented herb, used in cooking, very hardy, drought tolerant, small lavender flowers in winter/early spring	Moderate	Full sun		6-9	3'	3'				x	x
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	rosemary			Moderate	Full sun/part shade		4-9	4'	4'					x
Shrub Edibles														
<i>Punica granatum</i>	pomegranate	'Compactum', 'State Fair'	edible fruit produced on certain selections, showy summer flowers, good fall color, heat tolerant	Medium	Full sun		8-10	20'	20'					x
<i>Vaccinium species</i>	blueberry	'Premiere', 'Tifblue', 'Powderblue', 'Southland'	edible fruit, needs full sun for best fruit, clusters of bell-shaped flowers in spring, choose species appropriate to your area.		Full sun	x	3-8	6'	5'					x
Vine Deciduous														
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	European honeysuckle		fragrant flowers in summer/fall	Rapid	Full sun/part shade		5-9	20'	n/a					x
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	Virginia creeper		vigorous, red fall foliage, shade tolerant	Rapid	Full sun/part shade	x	3-11	30'	n/a	x	x	x	x	x
Vine Evergreen														
<i>Akebia quinata</i>	chocolate vine		burgundy/purplish flowers in spring, play props, edible fruit occasionally produced, vigorous, shade tolerant	Rapid	Full sun/part shade		5-8	40'	n/a					x
<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>	cross vine	'Tangerine Beauty'	shade tolerant, orange to dark reddish flowers in spring, quick growing	Rapid	Full sun/part shade	x	6-9	50'	n/a				x	x
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	coral honeysuckle	'Cedar Lane'	shade tolerant, coral flowers in late-spring to summer, semi-evergreen depending on climate.	Medium	Full sun	x	4-10	3'	n/a					x
<i>Rosa banksiae</i>	lady banks rose		vigorous, few to almost no prickles, clusters of yellow - white blooms in spring, some scented some not	Medium	Full sun		6-10	20'	n/a					x
<i>Trachelospermum jasminoides</i>	confederate jasmine (star)		white flowers in spring-early summer, wildlife attraction	Rapid	Full sun/part shade		8-10	15'	n/a					x
Vine Edibles														
<i>Actinidia arguta</i>	Hardy kiwi	'Issai', 'Anna', 'Meader'	deciduous vine, edible fruit in late fall, borne on year-old or older wood, larger white flowers, need male & female plants for fruit.	Rapid	Full sun/part shade		8-9	30'	n/a					x
<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	passion flower		deciduous, hardy vine, spreads from seed, unique showy flowers bloom in summer. play props, edible fruit	Rapid	Full sun	x	5-9	20'	n/a					x

<i>Vitis rotundifolia</i>	muscadine grape	'Triumph'	deciduous vine, edible fruit - grapes, bears large fruit in small clusters. Some self-fertile, some need both male & female plants to produce fruit	Rapid	Full sun	x	5-9	100'	n/a				x	
Perennials														
<i>Achillea x 'Coronation Gold'</i>	Yarrow	'Coronation Gold'	yellow flowers all summer, dead heads add winter interest		Full sun	x	3-9	2'	3'				x	x
<i>Agastache 'Blue Fortune'</i>	Hummingbird mint	'Blue Fortune'	licorice-scented foliage, flowers attract butterflies		Full sun		5-9	4'	3'				x	x
<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i>	chives		purple flowers, leaves used in cooking	Rapid	Full sun	x	4-8	2'	2'				x	
<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	Butterfly bush	'Blue Chip'/'Purple Haze'/'Miss Ruby'	Blooms all summer and attracts butterflies		Full sun		5-9							
<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	threadleaf coreopsis		sunny yellow blooms in summer, sun loving, drought tolerant		Full sun	x	5-9	3'	2'				x	x
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	purple coneflower		big purple flowers in summer, can handle sun-light shade		Full sun	x	3-8	4'	2'				x	x
<i>Gaillardia x grandiflora</i>	blanket flower	'Oranges and Lemons'/'Arizona Sun'	large daisylike red/yellow/orange flowers, blooms from early summer to frost, self-seeds.		Full sun		2-10	3'	2'					
<i>Hemerocallis</i> spp.	daylily	'Happy Returns'/'Buttered Popcorn'/'Stella d'Oro'	clumps of broad grassy leaves, with lily-like flowers in late spring		Full sun - part shade		3-9	3'	2'					
<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	Rose Mallow	'Lord Baltimore'	Large blooms all summer		Full sun		5-9	4'	3'	x			x	
<i>Hosta</i> spp.	hosta		lots of varieties to choose from, grown mostly for leaf color & patterns, also blooms with blue-purple flowers in summer.		Part-full shade		3-8	3'	3'				x	
<i>Kniphofia uvaria</i>	Red-hot poker	'Pfitzer's Hybrids'	Large red-orange blooms make great play props		Full sun		5-8	3'	3'				x	x
<i>Monarda didyma</i>	beebalm	'Jacob Cline'	early summer red blooms, attracts butterflies & bees, leaves are scented, likes sun-part shade		Part sun	x	3-8	3'	2'	x			x	
<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	royal fern		broad triangular fronds, likes shade, wet tolerant		Part shade		3-8	4'	4'	x			x	
<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	Christmas fern		small evergreen fern, likes moist soil		Part-full shade	x	3-8	2'	2'	x			x	
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	black-eyed susan, orange coneflower	'Goldsturm'	yellow flowers in summer, drought tolerant, clump-forming		Full sun- light shade	x	4-10	2.5'	2.5'				x	
<i>Salvia microphylla 'Hot Lips'</i>	Sage	'Hot Lips'	red and white flowers, drought tolerant, attracts butterflies		Full sun		7-9	2'	4'				x	x
<i>Sedum</i> spp.	stonecrop, sedum	'Autumn Joy'	textural leaves, flower head good play prop, sun loving, drought tolerant		Full sun		3-8	18"	24"	x	x	x	x	x
<i>Stachys byzantina</i>	lamb's ears		soft fuzzy leaves, textural & play props, drought tolerant		Full sun		4-8	12"	24"				x	
<i>Tradescantia virginiana</i>	spiderwort		white/blue/purple flowers in spring-summer, clump-forming and grass-like, wet tolerant, likes sun to part-shade to full shade		Part-full shade	x	5-8	3'	3'				x	
<i>Verbena bonariensis</i>	Purple-top verbena, verbena on a stick		Purple flowers all summer, attracts butterflies		Full sun									
Grasses														
<i>Calamagrostis x acutiflora</i>	feather reed grass	'Karl Foerster'	play props	Rapid	Full sun/part shade		4-9	4'	2'	x	x	x	x	
<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	Inland sea oats		soft, leafy grass with attractive seed heads. But spreads rapidly by seed, it's best to cut them off before turning brown. Enjoys moist partial shade.		Part shade	x	5-8	5'	3'				x	
<i>Juncus effusus 'Spiralis'</i>	corkscrew rush		rush with spiralling foliage, good play props.	Moderate	Full sun/part shade		4-9	2'	1-2'	x				
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>	flame grass	'Adagio'	clump-forming, graceful and textural, foliage turns reddish in fall, with silver plumes, good hiding places	Moderate	Full sun/part shade		3-9	5'	3-5'	x			x	
<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	pink muhly grass		delicate pink hazy flowers in early fall, easy to grow, tolerates some drought & some wet, sun loving	Moderate	Full sun/part shade	x	6-9	3'	2.5'	x	x	x	x	
<i>Nassella tenuissima</i>	Mexican feather grass			Moderate	Full sun/part shade	x	6-9	2'	1'				x	x
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	switch grass	'Shenandoah'/'Cheyenne Sky'/'The Blues'/'North'	upright clumping, textural, drought tolerant, salt tolerant, good hiding places	Rapid	Full sun/part shade	x	5-9	6'	3'				x	x
<i>Pennisetum alopecuroides</i>	fountaingrass		clump-forming, play props, textural	Moderate	Full sun		5-9	3'	2-4'				x	
<i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>	crimson fountaingrass		clump-forming, soft, textural grass, red-tinged blades, play props, perennial at the coast, annual elsewhere	Rapid	Full sun/part shade		9-10	5'	4'				x	
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	little bluestem	'Prairie Blues'	blooms in late summer, drought tolerant		Full sun	x	3-9							
Groundcover														
<i>Iberis sempervirens</i>	candytuft		evergreen, tends to spread, white flowers in spring	Moderate	Full sun		3-8	2'	1.5'				x	
<i>Liriope muscari</i>	liriope	'Big Blue'/'Variegata'/'Royal Purple'	evergreen, forms large clumps, purple flowers, play props.	Moderate	Part shade to shade		6-9	2'	12"				x	
<i>Ophiopogon japonicus 'Nana'</i>	dwarf mondo		evergreen, forms tight clumps, slow-growing, textural	Slow	Sun to shade		7-8	3"	2"				x	
<i>Rubus calycinioides</i>	Creeping raspberry		Evergreen, small white flowers, spreads over time.	Moderate	Sun to part shade		6-10	1'	6"	x	x	x	x	
<i>Salvia lyrata</i>	lyreleaf sage		low groundcover, pale lavender flowers in early spring, easy to grow		Sun to shade	x	6-8	12"	1.5'				x	x
<i>Stachys byzantina</i>	lamb's ears						4-8	8"	1.5'					
<i>Thymus pulegioides</i>	lemon thyme		lemon-scented herb, pale purple summer flowers, wildlife attraction	Full sun	Full sun		5-8	12"	10"				x	x

<i>Thymus vulgaris</i>	common thyme		scented herb, tiny lilac flowers in late spring/summer, gray-green leaves, drought tolerant, wildlife attraction	Moderate	Full sun		5-9	12"	1.5'			x	x
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