

Living Shorelines Plant List



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This list provides some examples of native, salt tolerant plants that will give you a great start to naturally stabilizing your shoreline. We recommend using a variety of trees, shrubs and perennials.

TREES

Balsam Poplar (<i>Populus balsamifera</i>)	Shade tolerant
White Spruce (<i>Picea glauca</i>)	Shade tolerant
White Ash (<i>Fraxinus Americana</i>)	Intermediate shade tolerance
American Mountain Ash (<i>Sorbus Americana</i>)	Intermediate shade tolerance, flourish on rocky hillsides
Paper/White Birch (<i>Betula papyrifera</i>)	Shade intolerant
Trembling Aspen (<i>Populus grandidentata</i>)	Shade intolerant
Tamarack (<i>Larix laricina</i>)	Shade intolerant

SHRUBS

Late Lowbush Blueberry (<i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i>)	Shade tolerant
Squashberry (<i>Viburnum edule</i>)	Shade tolerant
Coastal Sweet Pepperbush (<i>Clethra amnifolia</i>)	Shade tolerant
Swedish Bunchberry (<i>Cornus suecica</i>)	Shade tolerant
Fireberry Hawthorne (<i>Crataegus chrysocarpa</i> var. <i>chrysocarpa</i>)	Intermediate shade tolerance Wind tolerant
Canada Cinquefoil (<i>Potentilla canadensis</i>)	Intermediate shade tolerance
Canada St. John's Wort (<i>Hypericum canadense</i>)	Intermediate shade tolerance
Round-Leaved Dogwood (<i>Cornus rugosa</i>)	Intermediate shade tolerance
Black elderberry (<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>)	Intermediate shade tolerance

PERENNIALS

Lupin (<i>Lupinus species</i>)	Shade tolerant
Purple-stemmed Aster (<i>Symphyotrichum puniceum</i>)	Shade tolerant
Canada Lily (<i>Lilium canadense</i>)	Shade tolerant
Boreal Aster (<i>Symphyotrichum boreale</i>)	Shade tolerant- prefers moist soils
Fringed Yellow Loosestrife (<i>Lysimachia ciliata</i>)	Intermediate Shade tolerance
Common Evening Primrose (<i>Oenothera biennis</i>)	Intermediate Shade tolerant- grows well on slope
Canada Anemone (<i>Anemone canadensis</i>)	Intermediate Shade tolerance
Spotted Joe-pye-weed (<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>)	Intermediate shade tolerance
Common Yarrow (<i>Achillea millefolium</i>)	Shade Intolerant