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PLANTS FOR MARITIME (SEASIDE) AREAS

Gardening in close proximity to the ocean has many challenges. Prevailing winds with high salinity levels wreak havoc with many cultivated garden plants. That's why strict legislation conserves all natural, indigenous vegetation within a certain distance of the seashore. Plant growth in this zone can be slow and trying with protection required whilst young plants are establishing. Salt tolerant plants somewhat limited. However, many gardens exist in this sensitive zone and therefore require careful plant selection in order to succeed.

This is a short but by no means comprehensive list of plants suitable for growing on the KwaZulu-Natal coastline.

Key:

(E) = evergreen

(I) = indigenous

(S) = seed

(B) = bulb

(N) = nectar rich

(D) = deciduous

(F) = fruit

(C) = climber

(H) = herb

(T) = thorns

Annuals and Perennials (low growing)

Acalypha hispaniola (cat's tails) (E)

Aloe striata (coral aloe) (E) (I)

Aptenia cordifolia (baby sun rose) (E) (I)

Arctostis x hybrida (African daisy) (E) (I)

Asparagus densiflorus 'Sprengeri' (emerald fern) (E) (I) – Note: there are many different *Asparagus* forms for maritime areas

Asystasia gangetica (creeping foxglove) (E) (I)

Barleria obtusa (bush violet) (E) (I)

Barleria repens (dwarf bush violet) (E) (I)

Bulbine abyssinica (bushy bulbine) (E) (I)

Bulbine frutescens (burn jelly plant) (E) (I)
Bulbine natalensis (broad-leaf bulbine) (E) (I)
Carpobrotus acinaciformis (purple sour fig) (E) (I)
Carpobrotus edulis (sour fig) (E) (I)
Carissa macrocarpa 'Green Carpet' (dwarf num-num) (E) (I)
Catharanthus roseus (vinca) (E) (I)
Chlorophytum comosum 'Vittatum' (hen and chickens) (E) (I)
X Cryptbergia rubra (red bromeliad) (E)
Crinum asiaticum (giant crinum) (D) (B)
Drimiopsis maculata (leopard lily) (D) (B)
Dyckia fosteriana (spiny bromeliad) (E) – Note: there are many dyckia species for maritime gardens
Gazania rigens (trailing gazania) (E) (I)
Gazania uniflora (grey leaf gazania) (E) (I)
Conifer: Juniperus conferta (shore juniper) (E)
Hymenocallis littoralis (beach spider lily) (D) (B)
Limonium perezii (sea lavender) (E)
Osteospermum hybrid (African daisy) (E) (I) – Note: there are many different Osteospermums for maritime areas
Pelargonium x hybrida (geranium) (E) (I) – Note: there are many different Pelargoniums for maritime areas
Phormium tenax (New Zealand flax) (E) – Note: there are many different Phormiums for maritime areas
Plectranthus neochilus (lobster flower) (E) (I)
Plectranthus verticillatus (money plant) (E) (I)
Portulaca oleracea (purslane) (E)
Portulacaria affra (pork bush) (E) (I)
Sansevieria cylindrica (elephant's toothpick) (E) (I)
Sansevieria trifasciata (mother-in-law's tongue) (E)

Shrubs and Climbers (medium growing)

Acalypha hispida (calico bush) (E)
Acalypha wilkesiana hybrids (calico bush) (ED)
Agave angustifolia 'Variegata' (century plant) (E) (T)
Aloe thraskii (dune aloe) (E) (I) (T)
Barleria albostellata (grey barleria) (E) (I)
Bougainvillea x buttiana hybrids (bougainvillea) (ED) (C) (T)
Carissa bispinosa (forest num-num) (E) (I)
Carissa macrocarpa (num-num) (E) (I) (T) (F)

Chrysanthemoides monilifera (bush tick berry) (E) (I)
Cistus purpureus (rock rose) (E)
Coprosma repens all hybrids and cultivars (mirror bush) (E)
Cycas revoluta (sago palm) (E)
Cycas thouarsii (Indian Ocean cycad) (E)
Dodonaea angustifolia (sand olive) (E) (I)
Dracaena alectrifolia (wild dragon tree) (E) (I)
Duvernoia adhatodoides (pistol bush) (E) (I)
Kraussia floribunda (rhino coffee) (E) (I)
Mandevilla sanderi (dwarf dipladenia) (E)
Myoporum laetum (ngaio) (E)
Pavetta lanceolata (weeping bride's bush) (E) (I)
Plumbago auriculata (plumbago) (E) (I)
Polygala myrtifolia (September bush) (E) (I)
Psychotria capensis (black bird-berry) (E) (I)
Raphiolepis x delacourii (Indian hawthorn) (E)
Strelitzia juncea (thin leaf bird of paradise) (E) (I)
Strelitzia reginae (bird of paradise) (E) (I)
Tarenna pavettoides (false bride's bush) (E) (I)
Tecoma capensis in different colours (Cape honeysuckle) (E) (I)
Vitex trifolia 'Purpurea' (Arabian lilac) (E)
Westringia fruticosa (Australian rosemary) (E)
Yucca elephantipes (palm lily) (E)

Trees (tall growing)

Aloidendron barberae (tree aloe) (E) (I)
Antidesma venosum (tassel berry) (ED) (I) (F)
Araucaria heterophylla (monkey puzzle) (E)
Brachylaena discolor (coastal silver oak) (E) (I)
Bridelia micrantha (mitzeeri) (ED) (I)
Cordyline australis (Cabbage tree) (E)
Croton sylvaticus (forest fever berry) ((ED) (I)
Deinbollia oblongifolia (dune soapberry) (E) (I)
Dracaena draco (dragon tree) (E)
Euphorbia ingens (common tree euphorbia) (E) (I) (T)
Ficus rubiginosa (Moreton Bay fig) (E)
Harpephyllum caffrum (wild plum) (E) (I)
Mimusops caffra (red milkwood) (E) (I) (F)

Palm: *Chamaerops humilis* (Mediterranean fan palm) (E)
Palm: *Cocos nucifera* (coconut palm) (E)
Palm: *Dypsis lutescens* (bamboo palm) (E)
Palm: *Trachycarpus fortunei* (windmill palm) (E)
Palm: *Washingtonia robusta* (hula skirt palm) (E)
Pandanus utilis (screw pine) (E) (T)
Ravenala madagascariensis (traveller's palm) (E)
Rauvolfia caffra (quinine tree) (D) (I)
Senegalia caffra (common hook thorn) (D) (I) (T)
Strelitzia nicolai (wild banana) (E) (I)
Tabernaemontana elegans (toad tree) (ED) (I)
Tarchonanthus camphoratus (wild camphor bush) (E) (I)
Terminalia catappa (Indian almond) (D)
Trichilia emetica (Natal mahogany) (E) (I)
Vachellia karroo (sweet thorn) (D) (I) (T)
Vachellia xanthophloea (fever tree) (D) (I) (T)

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