

The Capes HOA Plant List

GUIDELINES

All landscaping shall be natural, indigenous vegetation suitable to The Capes. Nonindigenous in-ground plantings of a species not listed must be approved by the Landscape Committee. Plants/species which appear on this list are pre-approved.

The Capes has established “view corridors” to maintain views of the ocean and bay. Generally, these view corridors are between the homes and over the roof of homes that are closest to the ocean. In some cases, the view corridor is north or south and involves landscaping that is in the front of homes. If you are not sure if landscaping on your lot may involve a view corridor, please contact the Landscape Committee for guidance.

The Capes CC&Rs protect ocean and bay views (6.11*), and it is important that landscaping be continuously maintained to be compliant for neighboring views. The Landscape Committee generally recommends that trees and shrubs be maintained to a height of 10-feet or less to preserve view corridors.

GROUND COVER AND ORAMENTALS

Common Name	Species Name	Characteristics	Growth Rate/Mature size
Bleeding heart	Lamprocapnos spectabilis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pillow-like flower is heart-shaped with a single dangling pendulous drop. • Shade-loving woodland plants 	6 inches to 3 feet tall, and 1 to 3 feet wide
Coastal Strawberry	Fragaria x chiloensis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evergreen ground cover • Leaves dark green, glossy, compound, three oval leaflets] • May turn red in fall • Flowers white in spring 	15 cm tall, spreads by stolons (runners)
Creeping Raspberry	Rubus calycinoides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evergreen • Small white seasonal flowers 	moderate spreader, 9-12 inches high, 5 feet wide
Kinnickinnick	Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bushy • Procumbent ground cover 	12-14 inches tall by 6 feet wide, branchlets erect.
Lavender	Lavandula x angustifolia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preferred for their aroma and for culinary purposes • Short, more compact, hardy and earlier 	2–3 ft. tall, 2–4 ft. wide

		blooming than other varieties	
Lithodora	Lithodora diffusa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardy ground cover • Produces masses of tiny, intensely blue, star-shaped flowers 	1/2 to 1 feet tall, slowly spreading 3 to 4 ft. wide.
Shore Juniper	Juniperus conferta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evergreen conifer, • Bushy, procumbent ground cover 	12-14 inches tall by 6 feet wide

SHRUBS*

Common Name	Species Name	Characteristics	Growth rate/Mature size
Azara	Azara microphylla 'Variegata'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadleaf evergreen shrub • Slow growing, fountain-like shape and arching branches 	10 feet tall, in time doubles in size
Barberry (berberis)	Berberis thunbergii var. atropurpurea 'Rose Glow'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deciduous shrub, branched, very dense, upright stems, thorny, purplish-pink foliage 	4-5 feet
Blue Blossom Ceanothus	Ceanothus thyrsiflorus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadleaf evergreen shrub with blue or white flowers • Attracts bees 	4-12 feet
Currant	Ribes sanguineum 'Elk River Red'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadleaf deciduous multistemmed shrub, upright-arching to rounded habit. • Reddish pink flowers in drooping clusters. Fruit blue-black with whitish bloom. 	8-10 × 7 ft
	Ribes cereum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deciduous multi-stemmed shrub • Flowers are tubular, greenish white to pink • Fruit globose, red to orange, shiny, listed as unpalatable to good flavor 	4-6 feet
Escallonia	Escallonia × langleyensis 'Pride of Donard'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadleaf evergreen shrub with bright rose-red in short clusters 	5-6 feet

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Fuchsia	Fuchsia magellanica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deciduous, erect, arching, or semi-climbing shrub Flowers are pendent, tube deep red, petals purple 	2-10 feet tall or greater
Heather	Erica cinerea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadleaf evergreen low shrub 	2 feet
Hebe	Hebe 'Pattys Purple'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evergreen shrub, stems wine red, flowers purple and white 	3 feet
Huckleberry	Vaccinium ovatum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evergreen shrub, fruit at first is red, turning blue-black in late summer, edible 	3-5 feet
Manzanita	Arctostaphylos columbiana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadleaf evergreen shrub, smooth rust colored bark, flowers small, pendulous pale pink to nearly white 	3-10 feet
Mugo Pine	Pinus mugo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conifer, evergreen shrub, multi-stemmed or many branched, low growing form 	8 ft tall x 16 feet wide
Oregon Grape	Mahonia aquifolium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evergreen shrub, flowers bright yellow, fruit blue-black berry 	3-10 feet
Rhododendron (including Azalea)	Rhododendron 'Vulcan'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadleaf evergreen, flowers bright red, funnel shaped 	5 feet
Rockrose (Cistus)	Cistus 'Elma'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evergreen shrub, aromatic pine fragrance, gray green Flowers large white, yellow center Reportedly deer resistant 	5 x 5 feet
Rosemary	Rosmarinus officinalis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herbaceous evergreen shrublet, , irregular shape. Leaves opposite, linear, dark green, aromatic Flowers light blue 	2-6 feet
Rugosa Rose	Rugosa Rose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deciduous shrub, flowers perfect, rose- 	4-6 feet

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		purple to white, fragrant	
Salal	Gaultheria shallon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadleaved evergreen shrub, flowers urn-shaped, white or pinkish, fruit rounded, black, ripen in summer, edible but bland 	2-10 feet
Wax Myrtle	Myrica californica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadleaf evergreen shrub, Fruits are warty, spherical, 6 mm diameter, green then dark purple to black 	10-12 feet
Wild Rose	Rosa acicularis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadleaf, deciduous, much branched shrub, aggressive in sunny well-watered areas 	1-4 feet

LOW GROWING TREES* NOTICE: THESE TREES MAY BE SLOW GROWING AND WILL NEED TO BE MAINTAINED/TRAINED OR REMOVED TO REMAIN COMPLIANT.

Common Name	Species Name	Characteristics	Growth rate/Mature size
Crape Myrtle /Lagerstroemia Dwarf	Lagerstroemia indica Petite Plum®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadleaf deciduous shrub, dwarf, upright branches, Flowers are plum-purple 	5 feet tall and 4 ft (1.2 m) wide, must maintain at low heights
Elderberry / Sambucus	Sambucus nigra Black Lace™	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadleaf deciduous shrub or small tree, compact Leaves finely cut (lacinate), dark purple almost black Flowers medium pink 	6-8 ft (1.8-2.4 m) tall and wide
Thunderhead Pine	Pinus thunbergii 'Thunderhead'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conifer, evergreen shrub/tree, compact Bright green needles 	5-10 ft

OTHER TREES NOTICE: THESE TREES MAY BE SLOW GROWING AND WILL NEED TO BE MAINTAINED/TRAINED OR REMOVED TO REMAIN COMPLIANT.

Common Name	Species Name	Characteristics	Growth rate/Mature size
Crabapple	Malus 'Prairifire'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disease-resistant variety with dark pink-red flowers in early spring and maroon leaves that turn dark green in summer and bronze in fall • Maroon fruit that lasts well into winter 	20 feet tall by 15 feet wide
Dogwood	Cornus kousa 'Wolf Eyes'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creamy white flowers and wavy, variegated foliage that turns red/pink in fall with occasional red fruit. 	10–20 feet tall and wide
Fringetree	Chionanthus virginicus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deciduous, large shrub or small tree, spreading, open, white spring flowers, yellow fall color, and attractive fruits (a little messy) 	20 feet tall by 10 feet wide
Magnolia (dwarf)	Magnolia 'Butterflies'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dwarf form of southern magnolia deciduous tree to 20 ft (6 m), or a multibranched shrub, upright • Flowers yellow 	20 feet tall by 10 feet wide
	Magnolia stellata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deciduous shrub/tree, dense oval to round, flower white or pink 	15-20 feet by 10-15 feet
Redbud	Cercis occidentalis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadleaf deciduous shrub, or small tree, pea-like, purplish-pink flowers, appear before leaves, blooms February-April 	16 feet tall and wide

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fruit pod-like, flat, long, narrowly oblong, brown or purplish, maturing in late summer, may hold brownish pods in winter 	
Serviceberry	Amelanchier x grandiflora Autumn Brilliance®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadleaf deciduous shrub, or small tree, vigorous, upright, dense, multiple stems, must prune, white spring flowers and small, edible fruits in fall, can be prone to disease 	20 feet tall by 15 feet wide
Vine maple (Japanese)	Acer circinatum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadleaf deciduous tree or large shrub, light green leaves that turn orange and red in fall with partial to full sun 	10 to 20 feet tall and wide
	Acer palmatum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadleaf deciduous tree or shrub, color varies with cultivar, fall color scarlet, orange or yellow Flowers small, red to purple, appear along with new leaves 	15-25 feet tall and wide

* CC&R 6.11 - No landscaping shall be installed by a Lot Owner which materially interferes with another Lot Owner's ocean or bay view and no landscaping shall be allowed that can grow so as to materially interfere with another Lot Owner's ocean or bay view. Disputes regarding whether landscaping violates this requirement shall be resolved by the Landscape Committee.

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