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Trees for Coastal Conditions

Not all of the trees we landscape with are tolerant of the typically sandy and windy conditions found there. Here's some that do.



Acacia melanoxylon BLACKWOOD WATTLE

This is another relliable selection for coastal conditions. Growing to 12-15m, it is a hardy shade tree that produces masses of small, pale yellow flowers in clusters from late winter to early spring. A great selection for interesting bark too!



Allocasuarina littoralis BLACK SHEOAK

This conical shaped, fast growing tree has fine branchlets that look like leaves and dark fissured bark which looks black at certain times of the year. It has a good tolerance of sandy soils and other poor soils in general. A really distinctive tree which looks great planted out in multiples or with contrast foliaged plants.



Acmena smithii 'BWNFIR' Firescreen ™ (syn. Syzygium) FIRESCREEN CREEK LILLY PILLY

This is an attractive fast growing shrub or small tree to 6m. With a semi pendulous habit with branching to ground level. New growth is glossy and copper red in colour, maturing to mid green. It is tolerant of sandy and clay soils but would prefer a protected coastal positon.



Banksia integrifolia COASTAL BANKSIA

Known as the Coastal Banksia, this is a distinctive native tree found predominently on the east coast of Australia. It has rough patterned bark and long green leaves with a silver underside. Produces pale yellow flowers. As its name suggests it is tolerant of a wide range of soil types including sandy.



Callistemon citrinus 'Kings Park Special' KINGS PARK BOTTLEBRUSH

This is a shrub or small tree growing to 4m tall. It produces beautiful crimson spike-like flowers in spring and summer. It will respond well to pruning and that is recommended to prolong flowering. It is another hardy native specimen that is tolerant of the sandy soils and exposed conditions associated with planting along the coast.



Cupaniopsis anacardioides TUCKEROO

This is an attractive Australian native that is popular as a street tree due to its dark green foliage, compact height, rounded form and non-invasive root system. Cream flowers appear during autumn followed by bright orange fruit making it a favourite tree for birds too.



Olea europaea 'Tolley's Upright' TOLLEY'S UPRIGHT OLIVE (LOW FRUITING)

This is a low-fruiting variety of olive tree that has an upright growth. Responds well to pruning and can be grown with a single leader or easily pruned into a hedge for screening. Foliage is silvery.

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