



The Capes HOA Plant List

Welcome to the Capes!

Below are our planting guidelines and the approved plant list. Remember to add compost or potting mix to the soil to help new plants establish in our sandy environment.

Guidelines

All landscaping shall be natural, indigenous vegetation suitable for The Capes. The Landscape Committee must approve all in-ground plantings of a nonindigenous species. Landscaping that appears on this list is pre-approved.

You will notice that there are no shore pines (*Pinus contorta*) listed on the plant list. Some shore pines were planted at the Capes during the community's development, and others have sprouted naturally. Over time, these trees proliferated and grew naturally throughout The Capes' properties. The HOA does not require their removal but expects all owners to prune the trees, **no less frequently than annually**, to a level that maintains the protected views of other neighbors, regardless of whether a lot owner intentionally planted the shore pine or grew spontaneously on any property.

Landscaping between homes is limited to a maximum height of 10 feet. The planting of trees, which are not on this list, is not permitted. Please select dwarf tree and shrub varieties that are less likely to block views at maturity. To reduce the likelihood of landscaping violations, please keep all landscaping low and replace and remove overgrown trees and shrubs. Select the right plant for the right spot, and use a remove-and-replace strategy to maintain views while creating an attractive landscape.

The HOA highly encourages all owners to perform annual pruning and candling of conifers in early May to maintain the protected views of other lot owners. Each Spring and Fall, the HOA hosts landscape cleanup events to help owners complete their pruning. A guideline entitled the [Care and Pruning of Shore Pines](#) is available on the Landscape Committee page. Please remove and replace any tree has grown too large for the protected view.

The Capes Landscape Committee requests that all owners maintain views of the ocean and bay. Many lots enjoy protected views over the roofs of homes and between homes. In some cases, the lots have protected views over the landscaping in front of homes. If you are unsure if your landscaping is blocking the bay and ocean views of other owners, please contact the Landscape Committee for guidance. You can find more information about the [Landscaping CC&Rs](#), the [View Protection Resolution](#), and other helpful resources on our website at <https://www.thecapeshoa.org/landscape/>.

Links: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• View Protection Resolution• Landscape Review Request Form	Emails Addresses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Landscape@thecapeshoa.org• Manager@thecapeshoa.org
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Ground Covers and Ornamentals

Common Name	Species Name	Characteristics	Growth Rate/Mature size
Oregon Coast Daisy	Erigeron glaucus 'Cape Sebastian'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> drought-tolerant plant features glossy, gray-green foliage 	8" tall it forms 2' wide spreading clumps
American Dune Grass	Leymus mollis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perennial grass with erect stems Very tolerant of low nutrients and low moisture 	70–170 cm tall, often glaucous, strongly rhizomatous with rhizomes 4–6 mm thick.
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 × 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
Iris	Iris tenax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> flowers are typically lavender-blue to purple, but in rare and special cases they can bloom white, yellow, pink showy mounds of hardy, lance-shaped foliage which eventually flaunt many stalks of extraordinary and long-lasting blooms 	10-20" tall, 12-24" 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 blooming than other varieties 	2–3 ft. tall, 2–4 ft. wide
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.
Purple Beach Pea	Lathyrus japonicus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bright or bluish purple. • Greyish-green, compound leaves • Low-growing vine with sprawling stems that spread by underground roots • Thrives in coastal environments, often found on sandy dunes 	1-5 feet tall
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, 	8-10 × 7 ft

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> upright-arching to rounded habit. • Reddish pink flowers in drooping clusters. Fruit blue-black with whitish bloom. 	
	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
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

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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-purple to white, fragrant 	4-6 feet
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

Trees Under Ten Feet

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
Lemon Cypress	Hesperocyparis macrocarpa 'Wilma Goldcrest'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conifer, evergreen tree, dwarf, tight, columnar juvenile form • Foliage bright yellow with a green tint (i.e., chartreuse) • 6-8 hours of sun • Considered a good container plant. • Prefers well-draining soil and protection from harsh winds. 	Estimated height in 10 year about 6 ft tall and 1-2 ft wide (1.8 × 0.3-0.6 m).
Thunderhead Pine	Pinus thunbergii 'Thunderhead'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conifer, evergreen shrub/tree, compact • Bright green needles 	5-10 ft

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