



# Plants for Cape Ann Gardens

(Tolerant of Seashore Conditions)

Whether you are an 8 or an 18; a 32A or a 36D; a 6N or a 9W; 48 or 84; . . .  
you are definitely a 6b!!!!

6b is the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone for Rockport. The USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map is the standard by which gardeners and growers can determine which plants are most likely to thrive at a location. The map is based on the average annual minimum winter temperature. Rockport's is between  $-5^{\circ}$  and  $0^{\circ}$  so we are in Zone 6b. This is useful information if you are purchasing exotic plants or want to bring a prized plant home from another part of the state or the country.

We are certainly fortunate to live and to garden on Cape Ann. The main challenges we face as coastal gardeners are wind and salt air. Although nurseries and garden centers in our area generally offer plants we can grow in Rockport, you may want to focus on the following plants if you deal with wind and salty air. You also will want to water your plants (leaves too!) after a heavy storm to remove the salt. The following is a list of plants that will withstand seashore conditions better than most. For the sake of space, common names are usually given.

## Trees

Red Maple  
Ginkgo  
Sweetbay Magnolia  
Colorado Spruce

Shadblow  
Honeylocust  
Scotch Pine  
White Spruce

False Cypress  
Golden Raintree  
Austrian Pine  
Flowering Crab

Hawthorn  
Black Pine  
Oak  
Linden

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## Shrubs

Chokeberry	Butterfly Bush	Flowering Quince	Heather
Cotoneaster	Broom	Witch Hazel	Heath
Rose of Sharon	Japanese Holly	Bigleaf Hydrangea	Inkberry
Pfitzer Juniper	Sargent Juniper	Creeping Juniper	Bayberry
Dwarf Alberta Spruce	Mugo Pine	Potentilla	Spirea
Purple Sand Cherry	Beach Rose	Common Lilac	Yew

## Vines

Sweet Autumn Clematis	Trumpet Vine	Climbing Hydrangea	Wisteria
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## Ground Covers

Pachysandra	English Ivy	Myrtle	Ajuga
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## Perennials

Yarrow	Brunnera	Anemone	Columbine
Creeping Rock Cress	Sea Thrift	Artemisia	Aster
Astilbe	Baptisia	Day Lily	Coral Bells
Siberian Iris	Bearded Iris	Coreopsis	Cimicifuga
Delphinium	Pinks	Bleeding Heart	Foxglove
Globe Thistle	Hosta	Blanket Flower	Spurge
Bee Balm	Catmint	Peony	Salvia
Oriental Poppy	Sedum	Russian Sage	Rudbeckia
Veronica	Lamb's Ear	Meadow Rue	Phlox
Beard Tongue	Hens and Chicks	Jacob's Ladder	