

Trees and Shrubs for Difficult Sites

Most trees will grow in a variety of soils. The following list provides suggestions of species that will grow in extreme soil types or difficult conditions:

Coastal / Salt	Exposed	Dry	Wet soils	Chalk
Trees				
Acer pseudoplatanus	Acer platanoides	Acer platanoides	Alnus	Acer platanoides
Arbutus unedo	Acer pseudoplatanus	Betula	Amelanchier	Aesculus (all)
Cotoneaster cornubia	Alnus	Castanea sativa	Betula (most)	Carpinus betulus
Crataegus (all)	Betula (most)	Cercis	Carpinus betulus	Crataegus
Eucalyptus (many)	Crataegus	Gleditsia	Crataegus	Fagus
Ilex aquifolium	Fagus	Ilex	Davidia	Ilex aquifolium
Laurus nobilis	Populus	Populus tremula	Populus	Liriodendron
Quercus ilex	Quercus ilex	Quercus ilex	Quercus	Malus (all)
Quercus robur	Quercus robur	Sorbus	Salix (all)	Morus nigra
Salix alba	Sorbus aria			Platanus
Sorbus aria	Sorbus aucuparia			Populus alba
	Tilia cordata			Prunus avium plena
				Salix
				Sorbus aria + cultivars
Shrubs				
Cotoneaster	Cornus (not kousa)	Cotoneaster	Amelanchier	Aucuba japonica
Elaeagnus	Cotinus	Elaeagnus	Bamboo	Berberis
Escallonia	Elaeagnus	Euonymus	Cornus	Buxus
Euonymus	Euonymus	Ilex crenata	Prunus spinosa	Ceanothus
Ilex	Laurel		Salix	Cornus
Phormium	Mahonia		Viburnum opulus	Cotoneaster
Pyracantha	Prunus spinosa			Cytisus
Ulex	Salix			Euonymus (all)
Viburnum	Ulex			Laurus nobilis
	Viburnum opulus			Ligustrum
				Mahonia
				Photinia
Conifers				
Cupressocyparis leylandii	Cupressocyparis leylandii	Pinus	Cupressocyparis leylandii	Juniperus
Cupressus macrocarpa	Juniperus		Metasequoia	Metasequoia
Juniperus	Larix decidua		Taxodium distichum	Pinus nigra
Pinus nigra	Pinus			Taxus baccata
	Thuja			Thuja
	Tsuga			