Shoreline Naturalization Program Species Availability List



Plant Type	Species Name	Sunlig	ght Require	ements	Moisture Requirements					
		Full Sun	Partial Shade	Shade	Wet	Moist	Inter- mediate	Dry	Full Grown Size	Notes
Tall Shrubs	Bebb's Willow (Salix bebbiana)	✓	✓		✓	✓			1-6 m	Fast growing, good colonizer in wet areas, tolerant of compaction
	Black Elderberry (Sambucus nigra)	✓	✓		√	✓			1-3 m	White flowers, purple berries, berries edible when cooked
	Buttonbush (Cephalanthus occidentalis)	✓	✓		√	✓			up to 3 m	Showy white flowers, tolerates flooding
	Gray Dogwood (Cornus racemosa)	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	1-4 m	White flowers, white berries, tolerates some shade
	Highbush Cranberry (Viburnum trilobum)	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓		2-4 m	White flowers, attractive red/orange berries eaten by birds
	Nannyberry (Viburnum lentago)	✓	✓		✓	✓			4-7 m	White flowers, purple berries
	Pussy Willow (Salix discolor)	✓			✓	✓			2-6 m	Tolerant of compaction
	Red Osier Dogwood (Cornus stolonifera)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		1.5-3 m	White flowers, white berries, showy red bark, easily pruned to control height
	Sandbar Willow (Salix exigua)	✓			✓	✓			1.5 -3.5 m	Tolerant of drought and compaction, narrow leaves, spreads
Low Growing Shrubs	Fragrant Sumac (Rhus aromatica)	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	2 m	Dense, spreading shrub. Turns bright red-orange in fall. Leaves have a fragrant smell when crushed
	Ninebark (Physocarpus opulifolius)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	up to 2.5 m	White flowers, drought tolerant, can grow in harsh conditions and rocky areas, bright fall foliage
	Northern Bush Honeysuckle (Diervilla lonicera)	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	30-100 cm	Yellow/red/orange flowers, spreads
	Smooth Rose (Rosa blanda)	✓					✓	✓	1-2 m	Fragrant, pink flowers. Branches are thornless
	Swamp Rose (Rosa palustris)	✓	✓		✓	✓			1 m	Low growing bush, fragrant pink blooms and vine like branches with thorns, tolerant of seasonal flooding
	Sweet Gale (Myrica gale)	✓			✓	✓	✓		0.5-1.5 m	Low growing, leaves have a pleasant odour when crushed, can grow in wet organic soil

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Small Trees/Tall Shrubs (may take either form)	Chokecherry (Prunus virginiana)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		4-9 m	Grows as small tree on favourable sites or as a large shrub, white flowers, purple/red berries, somewhat shade tolerant
	Serviceberry (Amelanchier sp.)	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	4-10 m	Attractive white flowers, generally edible berries, tree-like shrub, there are many species of native serviceberries with similar characteristics making them difficult to determine exact species
	Alternate Leaf Dogwood (Cornus alternifolia)		✓	✓		✓	✓		4-8 m	May grow as a very small tree or as a shrub, white flowers, black/blue berries, shade tolerant
Large Trees (Deciduous)	Black Willow (Salix nigra)	✓	✓		✓	✓			Up to 15 m	Small to medium sized, fast growing deciduous tree, tolerant of salt and compaction, grows best in sunny wet areas such as riverbanks
	Bur Oak (Quercus macrocarpa)	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	Up to 20 m	Medium sized deciduous tree, slow growing, tolerant of compaction and drought, somewhat shade tolerant, good shade tree
	Hard/Sugar Maple (Acer saccharum)	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	20-35 m	Medium to large deciduous tree, classic yellow,red and orange fall colours, grows best in well drained soil, shade tolerant
	Red Maple (Acer rubrum)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	Up to 25 m	Medium sized deciduous tree, showy red leaves in fall, tolerant of many growing conditions, somewhat shade tolerant
	Red Oak (Quercus rubra)	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	Up to 25 m	Medium sized deciduous tree, prefers dry, sunny growing conditions
	Silver Maple (Acer saccharinum)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		Up to 35 m	Large, fast growing, deciduous tree, grows best in wet, sunny areas, yellow fall foliage
	White Birch (Betula papyrifera)	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	up to 25 m	Fast growing, medium sized deciduous tree, white, peeling bark, relatively short lived (120 years)
Large Trees (Coniferous)	Larch (Tamarack) (Larix laricina)	✓			✓	✓	✓		Up to 25 m	Medium sized, deciduous-conifer tree, needles turn yellow and drop in fall, tolerant of wet, poorly drained sites
	Eastern Hemlock (Tsuga canadensis)		✓	✓		✓	✓		Up to 30 m	Coniferous tree, must be sheltered from wind and sun, very shade tolerant
	Eastern White Cedar (Thuja occidentalis)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		Up to 15 m	Small to medium coniferous tree, prefers swampy lowlands but drought tolerant once established, favoured by deer
	Eastern White Pine (Pinus strobus)	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	Up to 30 m	Fast growing coniferous tree, tolerant of many growing conditions
	White Spruce (Picea glauca)	✓	✓			✓	✓		Up to 25 m	Coniferous tree, good pioneer species, somewhat shade tolerant

Please note that species availability can vary from year to year and are first come, first serve.