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PLANTS FOR PLAY SPACES Kidsafe NSW

This list nominates some plants suitable for frontline coastal regions which includes small and large trees, shrubs and ground covers.

The following is a suggested guide only. These plants have been chosen due to their hardiness and ability to survive difficult conditions. Not all plants grow in all places so contact your local nursery, Land Care or Greening Australia Group for further advice. Also remember that some plants (even natives) can become weeds when grown in the wrong place.

Suggested Plants for Sandy Soils: Frontline Coastal Plants

ACACIA sophorae - 'Coast Wattle' large bushy shrub of variable height depending on aspect. Soil binding. Golden flowers in spring.

BANKSIA integrifolia - 'Coast Banksia' tall fast growing gnarled tree to 15 metres. Pale yellow flower spikes from autumn to spring. Also available as a ground cover form.

BANKSIA spinulosa 'Coastal Candles'. Dwarf Banksia to 1 metre. Flower spikes of colour variations of gold, orange, red, with black styles.

COPROSMA repens - 'Looking Glass Plant' (not native) Spreading erect shrub to 2m. Oval shaped bright glossy green leaves.

CORREA alba - 'White Correa'. Rounded shrub to 2m. Broad oval grey/green leaves, white star flowers in autumn and through the year. Ground cover forms also available.

HEB Ex franciscana 'Blue Gem'. To 60 cm high by 1.2 metres wide. Mid green leaves with violet-blue flowers from summer to early winter.

FELICIA amelloides 'Blue Marguerite Daisy'. Bushy spreading shrub 30 cm x 30 cm. Bright green leaves. Blue flower head with bright yellow centres late spring to autumn.

GAZANIA x hybrida - Carpeting perennials with bright daisy flowers ranging in colour from pink, yellow, orange, bronze, and white.

HIBBERTIA scandens - 'Snake Vine'. Vigorous climbing/trailing plant with dark green leaves. Large bright yellow buttercup flowers from spring through to summer and other times through the year.

JUNIPERUS conferta - 'Shore Juniper'. Prostrate shrubby conifer - height 15 ~- 30 cm by 1 - 2 metres spread.

METROSIDEROS excelsa & vitiensis - 'Dwarf New Zealand Christmas Bush'. Several dwarf varieties are available with a range of flower colour from pink, bright yellows, reds and deep orange. Vary in size from just over 1 metre to 3 metres.

WESTRINGEA fruticosa - Coast Rosemary to 2m. Front line coastal. Very hardy plant, white flowers. Excellent screen / hedge.

Suggested Climbers for Play Spaces

HIBBERTIA scandens - 'Snake Vine'. Vigorous climbing/trailing plant with dark green leaves. Large bright yellow buttercup flowers from spring through to summer and other times through the year.

PANDOREA jasminoides - 'Bower Vine'. Deep green, glossy foliage and pale pink trumpet shaped flowers with a dark red throat. Pure white form also available.

PANDOREA pandorana 'Snow Bells'. Shiny green foliage, masses of pure white small trumpet shaped flowers in spring.

PYROSTEGIA venusta - 'Orange Trumpet Vine'. Fast growing evergreen climber with orange tubular flowers from autumn to spring.