

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POPULAR HEDGE & SCREEN PLANTS



Buxus microphylla var. japonica 'Green Beauty' Green Beauty Japanese Boxwood Mature size: 4-6' H x 4-6' W

Moderate grower, easily pruned into a formal hedge or topiary with electric hedgers. Best in full sun to part shade. A very clean hedge with small, inconspicuous flowers. **Best choice for small hedges.**





Podocarpus gracilior Fern Pine Mature size: 20-60' H x 10-20' W

Moderate to fast growing, tall hedge, low maintenance. Plant in full sun to part shade. **Soft, gray-green, wispy foliage.** Popular, very versatile and will tolerate a variety of watering conditions. Usually free of pests and diseases.





Pittosporum tenuifolium Kohuhu Mature size: 15-25' H x 10-15' W

Fast growing, dense, evergreen shrub. Plant in full to partial sun. Small, glossy, medium-green leaves with dark brown stems and small, fragrant flowers. Tolerates seaside conditions. Cultivars to consider include 'Silver Sheen' (silvery leaves) and 'Marjorie Channon' (variegated leaves).





Ligustrum japonicum 'Texanum' Waxleaf Privet Mature size: 6-9' H x 4-6' W

Moderate growing and dense; **useful for quick screening** or as a windbreak. Can also be trained into topiary form. Plant in full sun or part shade. Flowers bloom in late spring to early summer, are very fragrant, and attract bees. Dark berries attract birds.





Prunus caroliniana Carolina Cherry Laurel Mature size: 20-30' H x 15-25' W

Moderate to fast growing, clean-looking evergreen shrub with **glossy, deep green leaves** and small, fragrant, cream-colored flowers. Plant in full sun to part shade. Little pruning needed. Birds are attracted to the small black berries.





Prunus laurocerasus

English Laurel

Mature size: 15-30' H x 15-30' W

Fast growing, making a quick, attractive privacy screen or formal hedge. Plant in full to part sun. Large, leathery, deep green leaves. Fragrant, creamy-white flowers. Recovers quickly from shearing, and tolerates salt spray.

For optimal plant health, allow enough space between plants to reach mature size. Plant more closely for an instant privacy hedge.

These varieties are recommended for their versatility. Consult your landscape professional for site-specific recommendations.

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