

16 Favorite Evergreens for Privacy and Screening Plants

Use this as a guide if interested in privacy and screening plants; then research the plant of your choice for more specific growing information.

Cherry Laurel: Sun/ Part Shade, 12'-35' tall x 10'-30' wide, white flowers in spring, foliage has a strong almond fragrance when crushed.

Green or Variegated Pittosporum: Sun or bright shade, comes in standard and dwarf sizes (2'- 8' ft tall), use for screen, mass planting, or hedge, fast growing.

Indian Hawthorne (Majestic Beauty): Sun to part shade (afternoon shade), huge clusters of pearly pink flowers in spring, 15-20' tall x 8'-10' wide.

Italian Cypress: Sun, fast grower, elegant, narrow silhouette, can reach 35' at maturity but you can trim to desired height, only about 3' wide, look great in a row dividing property lines.

Ligustrum (Japanese): Sun or part shade, 6'-12' tall x 6'-8' wide, fast growing, creamy white flower clusters in late spring early summer, berries in fall and winter, glossy, dark-green leaves.

Ligustrum (Wax-Leaf): Sun, 8'-10' tall x 4'-6' wide, moderate grower, white clusters of flowers later summer to fall as well as berries, once established is drought tolerant.

Oleander: Sun, can reach heights of 20', but most are pruned shorter (also come in dwarf varieties), flowers in colors like pink, white, red, salmon, keep in mind there is a natural toxin inside oleanders can be harmful to pets or humans if ingested.

Pampass Grass: Sun, largest of all ornamental grasses at 10'x10' tall and wide, they put on a spectacular display in fall with large, white, feathery plumes, make sure you have good drainage.

Pineapple Guava: Sun. 10'-15' tall x wide, gray-green evergreen foliage, summer flowers, edible fruit, regular water needs.

Star Jasmine: Sun to partial sun, 18' – 20' tall with support. Beautiful, fragrant vine with white, star-shaped flowers, dense, darkgreen foliage, fast grower.

Viburnum (Large-Leaved): Morning sun/afternoon shade or all day bright shade, 6'-8' tall x wide, clusters of fragrant white flowers appear in early summer, followed by red berries, large, dark-green glossy leaves, attracts wildlife.

Viburnum (Sandankwa): Morning sun/afternoon shade, or all day bright shade, 6'-8' tall x wide, fairly fast-growing, flowers in early summer, can even be planted under oak trees as long as soil is deep enough.

Wax Myrtle: Morning sun/afternoon shade, 12'-15' + tall x 15' wide, fast grower, needs deep soil, aromatic leaves, serves as a great screening plant.

Xylosma: Sun/part shade, 12'-20' tall x 8'-15' wide, great substitution for Red Tip Photina as it does not get the dreaded entomosporium leaf spot fungal disease that plagues Red Tips.

Yaupon Holly: Sun/part shade or bright shade, 12-20' tall x 3'-6' wide, female plants offer bright red berries for the birds in winter, SAWS approved.

Yew (Japanese): Morning sun/part shade 8'-30' tall x 5'-15' wide, slow grower, needle-like, dark-green foliage, likes fertile, well-draining but moist soil, will need supplemental water during summers.