QUICK GUIDE:

Great Screening Plants

Following is a list of easy-to-grow evergreen plants that provide year-round screening. Most have at least a medium rate of growth (unless otherwise noted). 13-24" of growth per year is considered medium growth. 25"+ per year is fast growth.

Anise Tree (Illicium parviflorum) Vigorous plant. Grows 10-15' tall and almost as wide. Medium growth rate. Plant in shade to part sun. Can adapt to full sun. Prefers moist soil, but will tolerate dry conditions.

Arizona Cypress (Cupressus arizonica) Notable for its powder-blue foliage which gives nice contrast in a sea of green. 'Blue Ice' grows to 10-15' tall. Most others grow 30-40' tall and half as wide. Plant in full sun. Fast growth rate.

Carolina Cherrylaurel (Prunus caroliniana) An adaptable plant that withstands heavy pruning. Fruit litter can be a problem in paved areas. Grows 20-30' tall by 15-25' wide. Plant in sun to light shade. Fast growth rate.

Chindo Viburnum (Viburnum awabuki 'Chindo') An attractive large shrub with glossy, dark green foliage. Grows 15-20' and 6-8' wide. Plant in sun or shade. Medium fast growth rate.

Chinese Fringe Flower (Loropetalum cvs.) Appreciated for its burgundy-wine colored foliage that provides excellent contrast to green-leafed and blue-leafed plants. Raspberry-pink to near-red fringe -like blooms cover the plant in spring. Many varieties available that grow in a range of sizes. For screening, tall ones typically grow to 10-15'. Plant in sun to light shade. Fast growth rate.

Eleagnus (Eleagnus x ebbingei) A highly adaptable, easily grown shrub with no serious pests. Grows 8-10' tall and wide. Plant in sun to light shade. Fast growth rate.

Emerald Arborvitae (Thuja occidentalis 'Emerald' a.k.a. 'Smaragd') Very heat tolerant with an attractive columnar habit. Doesn't discolor in winter, as other varieties can. Grows 10-18' tall by 3-4'. Plant in well-drained soil.

False Cleyera (Ternstroemia gymnanthera) A beautiful shrub with dark, glossy foliage. New foliage emerges bronzy red. Requires well-drained soil. Grows 8-10' tall by 5-6' wide. Plant in part sun to shade. Medium growth rate.

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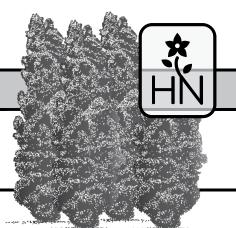
Fragrant Tea Olive (Osmanthus fragrans) Incredibly fragrant, apricotscented flowers in April and early fall. Grows 15-20' tall by 10-12' wide. Its relative, Osmanthus fortunei, boasts similar flowers and attractive, serrated leaves. Plant in sun to light shade. Medium growth rate.

Green Giant Arborvitae a.k.a. Western Redcedar (Thuja x 'Green Giant') Grows 30-40' and 8-12' wide. Provide welldrained soil. Plant in sun to light shade. Fast growth rate; conical habit.

Holly Varieties

(Plant these varieties in sun to part sun.)

Emily Bruner Holly (*Ilex* x 'Emily Bruner') Produces large red winter berries. Grows 20'. Medium fast growth rate.



Foster Holly (*Ilex* x attenuata 'Fosteri') Abundant red berries persist through winter. Grows 25'. Medium fast grower.

Nellie R. Stevens Holly (*llex* x 'Nellie R. Stevens') Produces red winter berries. Heat tolerant. Grows 15-25'. Medium fast growth rate.

Red Holly Hybrids (*llex* hybrids) Attractive, tough evergreens usually 12-14' tall. Cultivars Festive, Liberty, Patriot, and Robin produce abundant red berries. Oakleaf has exceptional foliage. Medium fast growth rate.

Linebacker Distylum (Distylium myricoides 'Linebacker') Heat and drought tolerant. Plant in part sun to shade. Can adapt to full sun. 10-12" tall and wide.

Privet (Ligustrum spp.) Withstands and even thrives with neglect. Tolerates severe pruning. Size varies by species. Sun to shade. All are medium to fast growers.

Spartan Juniper (Juniperus chinensis 'Spartan') Features rich green foliage and a tall, pyramidal to columnar habit. Plant in full sun. Grows to about 15' tall and 4-5' wide. Fast growth rate.

Wax Myrtle (Myrica cerifera) Tough, adaptable plant with no serious pests. Grows 15-20' tall by 10-12' wide. Plant in full sun to half shade. Medium fast growth rate.

Yoshino Japanese Cedar (Cryptomeria japonica 'Yoshino') Handsome pyramidal evergreen tree with bright blue-green summer foliage. Grows 30-40' tall by 8-10' wide. Prefers well-drained soil. Plant in sun to light shade. Fast growth rate.

