

Alternatives for Screening

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Evergreen Trees

Canaerti and Spartan Junipers, Eastern Red Cedar, Blue Totem Spruce, Green Giant Arborvitae, White Pine, Black Hills Spruce, Columnar White Pine, Riverside Serbian Spruce, Columnar Black Spruce, Vanderwolf Pine and Ponderosa Pine.

Shrubs

Alleghany Viburnum, Red and Black Chokeberry, Beautyberry, Witch Hazel, Red Sprite Winterberry, Northern Babyberry, Fine Line Buckthorn, Ninebark, Blackhaw Viburnum, Tiger Eyes Sumac and Coralberry.

Grasses

Northwind Switch, Maiden and Autumn Red Maiden, Hardy Pampas, Feather Reed, Big Bluestem and Indian.

Diversity

In years past, a need for screening an undesired view meant planting a row of Scotch Pines. Mature plantings of Scotch Pines are now being impacted by the fungus *Diplodia pinea*, also known as tip blight. Using a diversity of plant material in creating a screening will help avoid such problems in the future.

In addition to a healthier landscape, using a mix of evergreens and deciduous plants will create a more interesting screen to view. Also consider designing with plants of differing heights, forms, texture and color for more visual impact. Native and ornamental grasses work well in these plantings given their adaptability to sites with adverse growing conditions. Including grasses and other edible plants will also help create wildlife habitats.

Deciduous Trees

Multi-stem trees: Though the trunks can be cleaned up some, the lower branches of multi-stem trees will provide screening. Canada Red Chokecherry, Golden Glory Dogwood, Korean Sun Pear, Redbud, Serviceberry and Smoketree are good choices.

Columnar trees are good screening options for tight places. Columnar Oaks (Regal Prince, Green Pillar, Crimson Spire, and Skyrocket) will hold the foliage into winter. Also try Adironnack and Pink Spire Crabapple and Columnar Hornbeam.



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