

Edible Landscaping

By substituting food-bearing trees, shrubs, vines and herbs for other non-edible ornamental plants in our garden, we add to the sustainable nature of our home gardens and landscapes. Many edible plants are beautiful as well as useful. Interplanted vegetables are usually less bothered by insect pests than when they are planted in neat monocrop rows. Combining edibles with traditional shrubs creates a more ecologically sound environment. Instead of a Ligustrum (privet), plant a lemon. Rather than Boxwood, try Rosemary. Plant a Feijoa (Pineapple Guava) instead of Callistemon (Bottlebrush)!

HERBACEOUS BORDER EDIBLES - These edibles combine well with flowering perennials and annuals:

Artichoke	Eggplant	Lettuce	Tarragon	Chard	Peppers	Basil
Violas	Borage	Bush Beans	Jerusalem Artichoke	Chives	Nasturtium	Okra
Amaranth	Rhubarb	Oregano	Endive and Chicory	Kale	Fava Beans	Sage
Verbena	Parsley	Catnip	Cabbage	Marjoram	Quinoa	

SHRUB BORDER EDIBLES - these plants can also be used for foundation planting:

Blueberries	Viburnum opulus (Highbush Cranberry)	Arbutus unedo
Pomegranate	Ugni molinae (Chilean Guava)	Vaccinium (Huckleberries)
Dwarf Citrus	Pernettya mucronata (Chilean Wintergreen)	Caper
Feijoa (Pineapple Guava)	Ribes spp. (Currants and Gooseberries)	Mahonia (Oregon Grape)
Sambucus nigra (Elderberry)	Cornus mas (Cornelian Cherry)	Rosemary
Laurus nobilis (Bay)	Aronia (Chokeberry)	Natal Plum
Chaenomeles (Flowering quince-fruit makes great jelly)		

TREES and SCREENS:

Apple	Loquat	Carob	Cherry	Fig
Crabapple	Plum	Almond	Paw Paw	Pear
Walnut	Olive	Asian Pear	Apricot	Persimmon
Avocado	Black Mulberry	Standard Citrus	Peach and Nectarine	

VINES:

Actinidia (Kiwi)	Cucumbers	Pole Beans	Small Melons or Pumpkins
Grapes	Bitter Melon	Runner Beans	Passiflora (Passion Vine)
Hops	Peas		

***Brambleberries, Raspberries and Blackberries can be trained along a fence.

GROUNDCOVERS:

Chamomile	Thyme	Gaultheria procumbens (Wintergreen)
Mint	Sweet Woodruff	Prostrate Rosemary
Sweet Potato	Alpine Strawberry	

DRAMATIC PLANTS:

Banana/Plantain	Prickly Pear (Opuntia cacti)	Pinon Pine
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