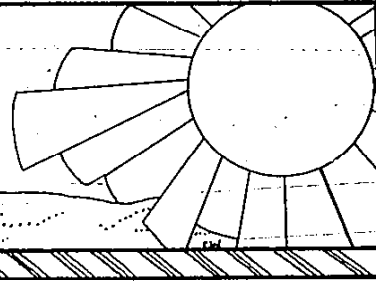


# Some Plants Can Make It In Dryness Or In Sand...



It has been said that there is a plant for every place.

Even in a difficult growing situation that has poor dry sandy soil there are plants that seem to thrive. In cities, the Tree of Heaven (Ailanthus) seems to sprout right out of the concrete. Once widely planted, it now sprouts up on its own and thrives in incredibly hostile situations.

Others that are almost as tough are box elder and Chinese (or Siberian) elm. No matter how poor the soil, they sprout and grow.

**So if you have a dry gravelly bank or some other seemingly impossible dry area, give these "toughies" some consideration.**

If conditions aren't quite that bad there are other trees that can be used. Any of the honey locusts (Gleditsia) are suitable, either the native kind which has both thorns and pods as well as attractive white flowers, or one of the improved hybrid forms that have no thorns or flowers.



THE RUSSIAN OLIVE adapts well to dry situations.

which is misnamed since it has white bark.

Jackpine, Pitchpine and Scrub pine are evergreen trees that can take dry sites.

Russian olive, Siberian pea (caragana), Chinese witch hazel and smoke bush are plants that can be considered either small trees or large shrubs. They can be grown with a single trunk or with many stems. Russian olive has silver leaves and is very popular because it is both attractive and easy to grow.

Among the shrubs to use is Japanese barberry. Either the red-leaved or the green-leaved types will do well, as will the erect and the dwarf forms.

Beauty bush would grace any garden. It grows to 10 feet tall and in June is completely covered with small pink flowers.

Many honeysuckles, especially the Morrow honeysuckle, will tolerate dry soil. Others to use for a shrub border in a dry area include ninebark, privet and flowering quince. The latter has bright spring flowers and glossy deep green leaves. Tamarix is another that will thrive. It is noted for its plumes of pink blooms.

Rosa rugosa, a handsome shrub rose, can also be used in a border planting. Other shrub roses, such as the Carolina rose, Virginia rose, prairie rose and Scotch rose will also take dry soil.

For low shrubs to use as part of a foundation planting, or in front of taller shrubs, try dwarf gray willow, shrubby St. Johnswort or shrubby cinquefoil. The latter both have attractive yellow flowers in summer.

There are ground covers that you can use on dry sand banks. Bearberry, sedum, thyme, crown vetch and barren strawberry are some to consider.

Among the most attractive ground covers are the creeping junipers. Either the creeping juniper or the more upright ones actually prefer a sunny dry situation.

If you want to grow flowers in a dry area try California poppy, calloopsis, celosia, Four o'clocks, annual phlox, cornflower, ice plant, salvia, sunflowers and morning glories. These are all annuals that grow quickly from seed.

Perennials to use include butterfly weed, grass pinks, coreopsis, globe



CREeping JUNIPERS actually prefer sunny dry spots.

thistle, statice, Iceland poppy and yucca. The latter is a desert plant that can add drama to the garden with its tall stalks of creamy white bell-like flowers and its spiky evergreen leaves.



Honeylocust can be grown under dry conditions.

The black locusts (Robinia) also grow in dry soil. These have similar fern-like leaves and clusters of sweet scented white flowers. Other related trees, the Japanese pagoda tree (Sophora japonica), and the Golden rain tree (Koelreuteria paniculata) will also grow well in dry areas. The former has long clusters of white pea-like flowers and the latter has clusters of yellow blooms.

Osage orange, formerly used by farmers in the mid-west for hedge-grows will grow into a thorny tree 60 feet high. The sexes are on separate trees and the interesting convoluted apple-like fruits are born only on the female trees.

Yet other trees to consider for a dry area are white poplar, chestnut oak, velvet ash, and the gray birch --

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