

Shrubs Suitable for Visual Screening in Genesee (AC, Play Equipment, Dog Run Fencing)

Size/Characteristic Requirements:

- 3-4+’ height
- 3-5’ spread
- Dense branching habits (important for deciduous)
- Xeric/drought tolerant
- Hardy to 8,500’ elevation

Deciduous Shrubs (must be planted tightly together to get good branching for screening):

- Alpine Currant (*Ribes alpinum*)
- Green Mound Currant (*Ribes alpinum* ‘Green Mound’)
- Squaw Currant (*Ribes cereum*)
- Gold Drop Potentilla (*Potentilla fruticosa* ‘Gold Drop’)*
- Jackman Potentilla (*Potentilla fruticosa* ‘Jackman’)*
- Woods Rose (*Rosa woodsii*)
- Miss Kim Lilac – *Syringa patula* ‘Miss Kim’
- Nana Burning Bush – *Euonymus nanus*

* These varieties are tall enough for screening – most other potentillas are too low to the ground to provide effective visual screening.

Evergreen Shrubs:

- White Bud Mugo Pine (*Pinus mugo* ‘White Bud’)
- Globe Spruce (*Picea pungens globosa*)
- Mrs. Cesarini Spruce (*Picea pungens* ‘Mrs. Cesarini’)
- Oregon Grape Holly – *Mahonia aquifolium*

Notes:

- This list is provided for convenience only. It is not all-inclusive of evergreen/woody shrub species that can provide effective screening and nurseries familiar with the growing conditions of Genesee may provide additional options for consideration.
- These plants prefer different locations based on amount of sun, soil moisture, exposure to wind, etc. so please do your research and make your selections accordingly.
- Cedars and shrubs in the Juniper family are not acceptable as screen plants because of their high flammability potential.

Protection:

Download the tree protection guideline from the Foundation website so that you can protect these from getting decimated by wildlife after you plant them. Most of these are already on the deer resistant list but since they are required for screening equipment, they need to be given a good start and protected from getting munched to provide an effective visual screen. They will also need to be watered regularly for the first 2 years to establish.

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