

Trees, Shrubs Recommended For Windbreaking Around Homes

Around every home there's bound to be a windy area, an unattractive spot—or just a cozy nook that would be perfect for relaxing, if screened. The answer to these situations is the shrub that serves as a screen and windbreak.

A brisk gust of wind can do havoc to a barbecue table laid out on your patio, but wind

won't get through to do damage if you've planted the wind-resistant Karo (*Pittosporum crassifolium*). This shrub grows to 25 feet with gray foliage making it a good background for smaller broadleaved evergreens. Karo also does well in seashore conditions. Tawhiwhi (*P. tenuifolium*) is another fine windbreak and an attractive

one with its light green leaves and purple spring flowers. It grows from 15 to 30 feet in height.

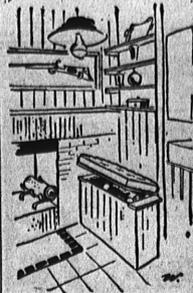
As Windbreakers As windbreaks and barriers two varieties of the Acacia tree will serve well. These are the Acacia verticillata or Star Acacia and the Acacia longifolia or Ever-blooming Acacia

(often called *A. latifolia*) which can be trained to shrub size. The Star has prickly needle-like foliage that makes a good barrier.

Two other trees can be successfully used as screens to provide privacy. The Australian Brush Cherry (*Eugenia paniculata*) and the Surinam Cherry (*E. uniflora*). Both bear edible fruit and both can be grown as high screens. These Eugenias will take full sun or partial shade, but cannot stand severe cold. The soil should drain well to take frequent waterings.

Fine Screens The Carolina Cherry and its cousins, the English Laurel and the Portugal Laurel, all make fine screens against wind and inquisitive passers-by. And they are not demanding about soil and culture. The Carolina Cherry (*Prunus caroliniana*) grows to 20 feet with luxuriant foliage and creamy white flowers in spring. *P. laurocerasus* or the English Laurel reaches the same height more quickly and its foliage gives it a heavy appearance and makes an excellent wind break.

Clear Weather Four-fifths of traffic accidents occur in clear weather.



WOODBOX BENCH... This woodbox becomes an attractive and comfortable bench when a cushion is attached to the hinged top. Ideal for the small home, the cushioned lounge-woodbox solves wood storage problems, eliminates extra piece of furniture.



SUBURBAN LIVING... Move to the suburbs is giving families more space for living. In this home, the spacious outdoors is brought indoors through an entire wall of floor-to-ceiling windows. The house is air conditioned and insulating glass was used in the windows to cut down heat gain.

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Shade-Loving Plants Add Grace to Garden

Though you may consider the sun-loving flowers and shrubs the loveliest to look at in your garden you will find upon closer investigation that shade-loving plants have more grace and form than do their "sunny cousins." These graceful shade plants can bring color to your garden too, says the California Association of Nurserymen.

Gardening in the shade can be very rewarding when you work with a shade-lover like the florists' cyclamen and its miniature sister cyclamen neapolitanum. The florists' cyclamen (*C. indicum*) blooms from November to April is tender to half hardy and features exceptionally large flowers in white or shades of pink and rose to red. Cyclamen neapolitanum grows only four inches high and its blooms of pale to deep pink with crimson centers are surrounded by light green leaves marbled with silver and white. It flowers from August to October. Give the cyclamen bulbs filtered shade in rich, porous soil with plenty of leaf mold.

Large flowers in white, pink, blue, rose and red shades bloom on the primula obconica, a hardy perennial member of the primrose family. The *p. obconica*, a native of Southern China, is a perennial that is sometimes treated as an annual because it blooms itself to death. It will bloom from early spring to late fall and often throughout the year. Give it a windfree, cool, shady spot.

Both the hybrid tuberous begonia and the multiflora tuberous begonia will perform beautifully in your shade garden. The hybrids grow in many gorgeous colors and lovely blossom forms and the multiflora is covered profusely with smaller flowers one and a half inches in diameter in yellow, copper, and salmon and scarlet red.

Water these begonias generously, feed after they're well established and place them so they have partial sun.

Summer Cut Flowers Yield Vivid Bouquets

A good part of the enjoyment most gardeners get from raising summer flowers is the pleasure of cutting colorful bouquets for indoor arrangements. The nice thing about many summer flowers is that they beautify equally well outside in their natural state and inside in cut bouquets.

Rated one of the finest of all flowers for cutting by the California Assn. of Nurserymen, the Transvaal Daisy (Gerbera Jamesoni) gives you bouquets of single or double flowers in yellow, cream, pink, coral, rose, orange and red.

Plant the Transvaal Daisy in full sun in mild areas and half shade in hot climates. It will bloom continuously from May to December reaching peaks in early summer and late fall.

The Wonder of Stafa (Aster Erikarti) grows to 1 1/2 feet with lavender-blue daisy-like flowers set amidst gray green foliage. This perennial provides flowers for cutting from April to December and in mild winter climates, bloom almost all year if left unpruned. It does well throughout the state.

A trio of outstanding cut flowers for summer that should never be forgotten, the Snapdragon (*Antirrhinum majus*), the Zinnia and Stock (*Matthiola*) bring an array of many lovely colors to the summer garden. The Snapdragon, a short-lived perennial usually treated as an annual, grows in varying heights from six inches to four feet and in shades of pink, rose, copper, crimson and yellow. Plant it in cool-growing conditions. It does best in cool areas of the state.

The Zinnia is an excellent hot weather annual available in dwarf to giant sizes in every color except blue. Give it full sun.

Stock prefers a cool garden home similar to the Snapdragon's. Light, well-drained soil is best for it. Fragrant white, rose, pink, purple, red and cream spikes bloom in the summer and on into the winter.

GARDENER'S CHECKLIST

1. Watch for aphids on roses and chrysanthemums.
2. Be sure to keep camellias, azaleas and rhododendrons moist at all times.
3. Water all plants deeply — the water should penetrate to the full extent of the root system.
4. Always water lawns with a stationary sprinkler. Sprinklers held by hand are likely to result in only superficial wetting.
5. Why pull weeds There are chemical weed killers which can be used effectively in most situations.

Quick Summer Shades Available By Planting Perennials Now

Your garden may be at its peak of bloom but now's the time to set in some fast-growing, colorful perennials. This may seem a bit puzzling to many gardeners but the California Association of Nurserymen suggests such procedure if you want to continue enjoying flowers in your garden on into fall.

At this time you can successfully set in young plants of such perennials as Geraniums, Marguerite Daisies, Asters, Shasta Daisies and Agapanthus. Heat-loving annuals can be planted too and young ornamental shrubs and trees if you make sure to give them plenty of water. Such shrubs as the Oleander, Escallonia, Fuchsia and Lantana will take hold well now and bring pleasing colors into your yard.

Perennials and annuals planted now should be of good size which you can obtain at your local nursery. Geraniums (Pelargoniums), Asters, Marguerite and Shasta Daisies (Chrysanthemum frutescens and Chrysanthemum maximum) will all do well in the sun and are very hardy. With the exception of the Shasta, all prefer a not too fertile soil and moderate watering. The Shasta, on the other hand, excels in an enriched soil.

When planting, try the Shasta in its many white-flowered forms with the many-colored Aster or with other perennials. Use Geraniums in several of their brightly colored varieties to edge a walkway or border garden or in a box or pot on the patio or porch. Marguerites grow to from three foot bushes of golden yellow and white flowers and as such they make attractive small foundation shrubs to set at the corner of the house or patio.

Do well in the sun The Agapanthus species, *Agapanthus africanus*, commonly called Lily-of-the-Nile and Agapanthus orientalis are summer-blooming bulbs in many shades of blue and white that do well in the sun or filtered sun (except in the hot

interior valleys where they need more shade). The blue ones are very handsome combined with yellow Day Lilies. Bright yellow, orange red, pink, white or pale lavender flowers bloom on the Lantana shrub, which is evergreen or partly deciduous depending on the climate. L. Sellowiana bears lavender-pink flowers that are quite fragrant and L. callowiana Goldrush blooms in saffron yellow. Plant Lantanas in full sun and provide moderate fertilizer and water.

The evergreen Escallonia has clean, glossy foliage and attractive red, rose or white flowers in late summer. One of the ten most useful shrubs for the west, the Escallonia will tolerate seashore conditions and direct sun along the coast. Inland they prefer part shade. Fuchsias and Escallonias combine well though Fuchsias themselves prefer a rich, moist soil and filtered sunlight. In contrast to the Fuchsia the Oleander (*Nerium Oleander*) thrives in the hot, dry areas where light intensity is high.

Sgt. Borges in Fort Riley Review Parade Sgt. Louis M. Borges, whose wife, Inez, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Borges, live at 20430 Catalina Ave., recently marched in a 2700-man parade honoring Colonel S. E. Geo., departing commander of the 1st Infantry Division's 16th Regiment at Fort Riley, Kan.

Sergeant Borges is a squad leader in the regiment's Company E. He entered the Army in May, 1953 and completed basic training at Fort Ord.

Borges attended Torrance High School.

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