



A coastal-style landscape with shrubs, grasses, and a large shade tree beside a house. **Native plant candidates** that are often used in coastal gardens in the U.S. Northeast / Mid-Atlantic (this landscape style fits that region well). Here are some observations:

Foreground (low-growing plantings)

- **Bayberry (Morella pensylvanica)** – Dense shrubs with narrow, leathery leaves, common in coastal areas. These look like the larger green shrubs in front of the tree and spreading toward the right. Bayberry is salt-tolerant and provides berries for birds.
- **Low native groundcovers** – The small plants in the mulched bed could be **bearberry (Arctostaphylos uva-ursi)** or **lowbush blueberry (Vaccinium angustifolium)**, which are often used in sandy, coastal soils.

Midground (meadow-like area)

- **Switchgrass (Panicum virgatum)** or **Little bluestem (Schizachyrium scoparium)** – The upright grasses with fine blades on the right side of the image resemble native warm-season grasses that thrive in dunes and meadows.
- **Goldenrod (Solidago spp.)** and **Milkweed (Asclepias spp.)** might also be mixed in, though not clearly flowering in this image — both are staples in coastal restoration plantings.

Tree by the house

- **Black gum (Nyssa sylvatica)**, **Sassafras (Sassafras albidum)**, or possibly **Shadbush/Serviceberry (Amelanchier spp.)**. These are all common native trees for coastal landscapes that provide shade and wildlife value.

Background shrubs

- The hedge-like vegetation near the waterline might be **Northern bayberry (Morella pensylvanica)** again, or **Beach plum (Prunus maritima)**, both very common along dunes and coastal buffers.