



Native Plants Present

1. Beach Grass (American Beachgrass – *Ammophila breviligulata*)

- **Location in photo:** Right side along the path, forming dense upright clumps.
- **Description:** Tall, narrow, stiff grass blades. This is a key dune stabilizer plant, often used in coastal plantings.
- **Value:** Prevents erosion, provides cover for ground-nesting birds and insects.

- **Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium*)**
- **Location in photo:** Left side along path
- **Description:** Little bluestem is a drought-resistant and easy-care ornamental grass. Once established, it can do well in dry, infertile sites because of its expansive root system
- **Value:** tolerates a wide variety of conditions. Best in a sunny location.

2. Bayberry (*Morella pensylvanica*)

- **Location in photo:** Behind the beach grasses and closer to the house, rounded shrubs with dense foliage.
- **Description:** Aromatic shrub with gray-green leaves; produces waxy berries valued by birds.
- **Value:** Important for wildlife, drought/salt tolerant, stabilizes sandy soils.

3. Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)

- **Location in photo:** Left background near the corner of the house and also farther right behind shrubs.
- **Description:** Evergreen with scale-like leaves, conical to irregular shape, tolerant of wind and salt spray.
- **Value:** Provides cover and berries for birds, habitat for pollinators and small mammals.

4. Low Shrubs/Coastal Heaths (*Hudsonia* or *Bearberry* – *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*)

- **Location in photo:** Lower areas in front of taller grasses and shrubs.
- **Description:** Low-growing mats of greenery, often used in native plantings for ground cover.
- **Value:** Excellent erosion control, nectar for pollinators, berries for birds.

Non-Native/Ornamental Plants

- The **bright red flowers near the path** are **ornamental bedding plants** (likely annual impatiens or geraniums). These are not native, but often used for seasonal color in landscaping.
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The dominant **native coastal backbone** here is the mix of **beachgrass, bayberry, and red cedar**, with low shrubs filling in. These are all classic, salt-tolerant, drought-resistant plants that thrive in seaside Cape Cod gardens.