

Native Plants for Forest and Thicket Habitats



Abies amabilis
Pacific Silver Fir

An attractive conifer with short dark green needles. Tolerant of shade.
Leaves evergreen.



Abies grandis
Grand Fir

Abies grandis is a tall, straight tree with short, dense branches.
Height: 130-260 feet (40-80 meters). Leaves evergreen.



Acer circinatum
Vine Maple

Tall, erect, multi-trunked shrub or small tree with sprawling branches.
Height: 13-26 feet (4-8 meters) Leaves deciduous.



Acer macrophyllum
Big-leaf Maple

A tree with a large, often multi-stemmed trunk and a loose, broad crown of large leaves.
Height: 65-100 feet (20-30 meters) tall with trunk 3-5 feet (1-1.5 meters) diameter. Leaves deciduous.



Achillea millefolium
Yarrow

Aromatic herb with delicate fern-like leaves and flat-topped clusters of white flowers.
Height: 4 inches to 3 feet (10-100 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Achlys triphylla
Vanilla Leaf

Grows low to the ground, spreading by rhizomes to form dense ground cover in shady areas.
Height: To 12 inches (30 cm) tall. Leaves deciduous.



Adiantum aleuticum
Maidenhair Fern, Aleutian maidenhair, western maidenhair, serpentine maidenhair

Small to medium-sized delicate, deciduous fern with a fan-shaped arrangement of five to seven fingerlike branchlets each bearing many toothed leaflets.
Height: 6-43 inches (15-110 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Allium acuminatum

Taper-Tip Onion

This native wild onion has grass-like basal leaves overtopped by umbels of purple flowers, and egg-shaped bulbs containing a fibrous network on the surface.

Height: Up to 12 inches (30 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Allium cernuum

Nodding Onion

Clusters of long grass-like leaves overtopped by nodding umbels of pink flowers.

Height: Up to 20 inches (50 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Alnus rubra

Red Alder

A fast-growing deciduous tree well suited to disturbed sites.

Height: Up to 80 feet (25 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Amelanchier alnifolia

Serviceberry, Saskatoon

Medium-sized shrub producing fragrant white flowers in late spring.

Height: Up to 15 feet (4.5 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Anaphalis margaritacea

Pearly Everlasting

Clump forming, perennial herb with small withering basal leaves and papery white flower clusters.

Height: Up to 40 inches (100 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Aquilegia formosa

Red Columbine

Delicate perennial with large nodding, star-shaped, spurred flowers that are a favorite of hummingbirds.

Height: Can grow up to 3 feet (1 meter) tall. Leaves deciduous.



Arbutus menziesii

Madrone

An attractive broadleaf evergreen with a twisting reddish trunk and irregular branches with an overall rounded outline.

Height: Up to 100 feet (30 meters). Leaves evergreen.



Arctostaphylos uva-ursi
Kinnikinnick, Bearberry

A mat-forming evergreen shrub producing lovely pink flowers that later turn into red berries.
Height: Can grow up to 8 inches (20 cm) tall. Leaves evergreen.



Aruncus dioicus
Goat's Beard

Tall perennial herb topped with large feathery clusters of white flowers, grows from rhizomes and has multiple stems.

Height: Can grow up to 6.5 feet (2 meters) tall. Leaves deciduous.



Asarum caudatum
Wild Ginger

Low-growing evergreen perennial that smells strongly of lemon-ginger when crushed.

Height: Can grow up to 8 inches (20 cm) tall. Leaves deciduous.



Aster chilensis
Common California Aster

A slender, sprawling perennial that produces light purple flowers.

Height: Can grow up to 3 ft. (100 cm.) Leaves deciduous.



Aster modestus
Great Northern Aster

A tall, much-branched perennial with numerous heads of purplish flowers.

Height: Grows up to 40 inches (100 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Aster subspicatus
Douglas Aster

Rhizomatous perennial wildflower with much-branched stems and light purple aster-like flower heads.

Height: Grows up to 32 inches (80 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Athyrium filix-femina
Lady Fern

Tall, delicate, light-green fronds from a basal cluster.

Height: Grows 3-6 feet (2 meters) tall. Leaves deciduous.



Betula papyrifera
Paper Birch

A small to medium sized deciduous tree with attractive white, peeling papery bark.

Height: Up to 100 feet (30 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Blechnum spicant

Deer Fern

Dark green fern leaves grow in tufts from short, stout rhizomes.
Height: Up to 40 inches (1 meter) tall. Leaves evergreen.



Boykinia occidentalis

Slender Boykinia

A slender herb with open panicles of small white flowers.
Height: Up to 24 inches (60 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Brodiaea congesta

Harvest Lily

Long slender stems to 3 feet (1 meter) in length topped by a dense cluster of deep purple flowers.
Height: Up to 3 feet (1 meter) tall. Leaves deciduous.



Camassia leitchlinii

Great Camas

Stately perennial from a deep bulb, producing spikes of large blue flowers in early spring.
Height: Up to 28 inches (70 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Camassia quamash

Common Camas

Bulbous perennial producing a spike of large blue flowers.
Height: Up to 28 inches (70 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Campanula rotundifolia

Harebell

Delicate stems topped by large, nodding bell-shaped blue flowers.
Height: 4-32 inches (10-80 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Castilleja miniata

Red Paintbrush

An attractive wildflower with red brush-like flower clusters.
Height: 8-32 inches (20-80 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Ceanothus velutinus

Snowbrush

A tall shrub with glossy leaves and clusters of white flowers.
Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters). Leaves evergreen.



Chamerion angustifolium

Fireweed

Tall perennial from rhizome like roots with unbranched stem and terminal spikes of large red to pink flowers.

Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters), but usually shorter than 6 feet (2 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Clarkia amoena

Farewell to Spring

A taprooted annual with large showy, usually pink flowers; often grown horticulturally.

Height: 4 inches to 3 feet (10-100 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Claytonia perfoliata

Miner's Lettuce

Low-growing, mat-like herbaceous annual with succulent round leaves.

Height: 12 inches (30 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Claytonia sibirica

Siberian Spring Beauty

Low-growing delicate herb.

Height: Up to 16 inches (40 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Cornus nuttallii

Western Flowering Dogwood

Multi-branched, irregular trees with attractive large white "flowers".

Height: Up to 65 feet (20 meters) tall. Leaves deciduous.



Cornus stolonifera

Red-osier Dogwood

Spreading, thicket-forming shrub with bright red stems.

Height: Up to 20 feet (6 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Cornus unalaschkensis

Bunchberry

Low, trailing, rhizomatous perennial with white flowers.

Height: Up to 10 inches (25 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Corylus cornuta

Beaked Hazelnut

Slender, multi-trunked deciduous shrub.

Height: 3 feet - 13 feet (1 meter - 4 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Crataegus douglasii

black hawthorn

large shrub or small tree with clusters of white flowers and dark purplish-black berries.
Leaves deciduous.



Deschampsia cespitosa

Tufted Hairgrass

Densely tufted perennial grass.
Height: Up to 4 feet (120 cm) tall. Leaves deciduous.



Dicentra formosa

Bleeding Heart

Hairless, soft stems and light green lacy leaves overtopped by small nodding clusters of pink heart-shaped flowers.

Height: Up to 1.5 feet (50 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Disporum hookeri

Hooker's Fairybells

Rhizomatous perennial with sparsely branched stems and irregularly curled leaves with hanging white flowers beneath the upper leaves.

Height: Up to 3 feet (1 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Dryopteris expansa

Spiny Wood Fern

A semi-evergreen fern of woodland areas with triangular fronds from a stout rhizome.

Height: To 3 feet (1 meter) tall. Leaves deciduous.



Elymus glaucus

Blue Wild-rye

Tufted perennial grass usually forming small clumps, 0.5 to 1.5 m tall.

Height: 20-40 inches (0.5-1 meter). Leaves deciduous.



Epilobium watsonii

Watson's Willowherb

Erect herbaceous perennial with opposite leaves.

Height: Up to 5 feet (150 cm). Leaves evergreen.



Erigeron philadelphicus

Philadelphia Fleabane

Short-lived perennial with erect stem-base and taproot or fibrous roots.

Height: Up to 2.25 feet (70 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Eriophyllum lanatum

Woolly Sunflower

Woolly leafy perennial with yellow daisy-like flowers.

Height: Up to 2 feet (60 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Erythronium oregonum

White Fawn Lily

Showy white lily from segmented corm.

Height: Flower stem up to 1 foot (30 cm) tall. Leaves deciduous.



Erythronium revolutum

Pink fawn lily

Large nodding pink flowers grow from a thick and segmented corm.

Height: Up to 14 inches (35 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Festuca rubra

Red Fescue

Perennial grass with thread-like leaves forming small patches.

Height: Can grow up to 4 feet (1.2 meters) tall. Leaves evergreen.



Fragaria vesca

Woodland strawberry

A wild strawberry with thin leaves, low, short runners, white flowers, and small red strawberries.

Height: Up to 10 inches (25 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Fragaria virginiana

Wild strawberry

Low growing wild strawberry with runners, white flowers, and small red strawberries.

Height: Up to 10 inches (25 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Fritillaria lanceolata

Chocolate Lily, Rice Root

Rare herb to 80 cm tall from bulb with numerous rice-like bulblets; flowers are mottled maroon and yellow.

Height: Up to 32 inches (80 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Galium aparine

Cleavers, Bedstraw

Leaves deciduous.



Galium trifidum

Small Bedstraw

Sprawling perennial with numerous stems from slender rhizomes.
Height: up to 28 inches (70 cm). Leaves evergreen.



Gaultheria shallon

Salal

Creeping to erect shrub with hairy branching stems and dark leathery leaves.
Height: Up to 16 feet (5 meters) in exceptional cases but typically 3-7 feet (1-2 m) tall. Leaves evergreen.



Geum macrophyllum

Large-leaved Avens

Hairy perennial with short rhizomes and big leaves topped by small yellow flowers.
Height: Up to 3 feet (1 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Gilia capitata

Globe Gilia

Upright taprooted annual with large ball-like heads of blue flowers.
Height: Up to 3 feet (1 meter). Leaves deciduous.



Glyceria elata

Tall Mannagrass, Fowl Mannagrass

Tall wetland grass.
Height: Up to 5 feet (1.5 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Goodyera oblongifolia

Rattlesnake Plantain

Evergreen orchid from short rhizomes with an unusual mottled leaf pattern.
Height: Up to 1.5 feet (45 cm). Leaves evergreen.



Gymnocarpium dryopteris

Oak Fern

Delicate, deciduous fronds. Usually solitary, but often forms a mat of herbaceous cover in forests.
Height: To 16 inches (40 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Heuchera micrantha

Small-flowered Alumroot

Grows from rhizomes with one to many flower stems that are reddish and covered with fine hairs and topped with delicate panicles of tiny white flowers.
Height: Up to 2 feet (60 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Holodiscus discolor

Oceanspray

Multi-stemmed upright shrub with ridged young stems and arching older stems with peeling bark. White flowers.

Height: Up to 13 feet (4 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Hordeum brachyantherum

Meadow Barley

Grass with erect stems that are bent at the base and sometimes hairy on the leaf sheaths.

Height: Up to 3 feet (90 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Hydrophyllum tenuipes

Pacific Waterleaf

Single leafy, hairy stem grows from rhizomes and fleshy fibrous roots; with small clusters of greenish-white flowers.

Height: Up to 32 inches (80 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Iris tenax

Oregon Iris

Clumped, perennial iris with large purple flowers.

Height: Up to 16 inches (40 cm). Leaves evergreen.



Kalmia microphylla ssp. occidentalis

Bog Laurel

Small, slender-branched shrub with dark green waxy leaves and clusters of bright pink flowers.

Height: Up to 3 feet (1 meter). Leaves deciduous.



Lilium columbianum

Tiger Lily

Leaves deciduous.



Linnaea borealis

Twinflower

Trailing, slender, semi-woody, with short erect leafy stems and dainty bell-shaped flowers.

Height: 4 inches (10 cm). Leaves evergreen.



Lithophragma parviflorum

Small-flowered Woodland Star

Delicate herb from slender rhizomes with numerous small bulblets; white star-shaped flowers.

Height: 2-16 inches (10-40 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Lomatium utriculatum

Spring Gold

Perennial herb with finely lacy foliage and flat-topped umbels of bright yellow flowers. Leaves deciduous.



Lonicera ciliosa

Orange Honeysuckle

Climbing vine with clusters of tubular bright orange flowers. Height: Typically up to 20 feet (6 meters). Leaves evergreen.



Lonicera hispidula

Hairy Honeysuckle

Clambering vine with clusters of light purple tubular flowers. Height: Up to 33 feet (10 meters) in trees. Leaves deciduous.



Lupinus polyphyllus

Large-leaved Lupine

A large perennial native forb with spikes of blue flowers from one to many hairy stems. Height: 3-6 feet (1-2 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Lysichiton americanum

Skunk Cabbage

A wetland plant with very large waxy erect leaves and yellow flower spikes enclosed in a large yellow sheath.

Height: 1-5 feet (30-150 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Mahonia aquifolium

Tall Oregon Grape

Erect, stiff-branched shrub with holly-like leaves and clusters of yellow flowers.

Height: 2.5 - 6.5 feet (0.8 meters - 2 meters). Leaves evergreen.



Mahonia nervosa

Dull Oregon Grape

Low-growing creeping shrub with dark green holly-like leaves and slender spikes of yellow flowers.

Height: Up to 2 feet (60 cm) tall. Leaves evergreen.



Maianthemum dilatatum

False Lily-of-the-Valley

Quickly spreading ground cover with attractive glossy green leaves.

Height: Up to 12 inches (30 cm) tall. Leaves deciduous.



Maianthemum racemosum

False Solomon's Seal

Leaves deciduous.



Maianthemum stellatum

Starflowered False Solomon's Seal

Leaves deciduous.



Malus fusca

Pacific Crabapple

Small tree, slender in form, appears thorny; bushy in the open.

Height: 16.5-40 feet (5-12 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Nothochelone nemorosa

Woodland Penstemon

Leaves deciduous.



Oemleria cerasiformis

Indian Plum, Osoberry

Deciduous shrub producing clusters of white flowers in very early spring. One of the earliest plants to bloom.

Height: 16.5 feet (5 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Olsynium douglasii

Satin Flower, Grass Widow

Showy tufted perennial resembling a miniature iris topped with large pink to purple flowers.

Height: Up to 12 inches (30 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Oplopanax horridus

Devil's Club

An erect to sprawling shrub with thick, spiny, crooked stems and very large leaves.

Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Oxalis oregana

Wood Sorrel

A delicate herb with clover-like leaves and white to pink flowers, forming carpets in forested areas.

Leaves deciduous.



Petasites palmatus

Palmate Coltsfoot

Many-stemmed perennial with umbrella-like leaves from creeping rhizomes.
Height: Up to 30 inches (80 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Philadelphus lewisii

Mock Orange

Erect, loosely branched shrub with large fragrant white flowers.
Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Phlox diffusa

Spreading Phlox

Mat forming perennial with showy white to pink flowers.
Height: Up to 4 inches (10 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Physocarpus capitatus

Pacific Ninebark

Erect to spreading shrub up to 4 meters tall with clusters of white flowers.
Height: Up to 13 feet (4 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Picea sitchensis

Sitka spruce

Large tree with horizontal branches and drooping branchlets
Height: Up to 200 feet (60 meters) tall. Leaves evergreen.



Platanthera dilatata

White Rein-Orchid, Bog Candle

Perennial orchid with spikes of white flowers from tuber-like roots.
Height: Up to 28 inches (70 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Polemonium pulcherrimum

Showy Jacob's-ladder

Taprooted perennial with mostly basal leaves and blue bell-shaped flowers.
Height: Up to 14 inches (35 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Polystichum munitum

Sword Fern

A large attractive fern with erect evergreen fronds forming a circular crown.
Height: 3-5 feet (1-1.5 meters). Leaves evergreen.



Populus balsamifera

Black Cottonwood

Leaves deciduous.



Populus tremuloides

Quaking Aspen

Deciduous thicket-forming tree with smooth white bark and leaves that "quake" in the wind.

Leaves deciduous.



Potentilla gracilis

Graceful Cinquefoil

Light green herb with toothed palmate leaves and diffuse panicles of yellow, saucer-shaped flowers.

Height: Up to 32 inches (80 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Prunella vulgaris ssp. lanceolata

Self Heal

Fibrous-rooted perennial from short rhizome or stem-base with small purple flowers.

Height: Up to 20 inches (50 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Prunus emarginata var. mollis

Bitter Cherry

Shrub or small tree with white flowers and small red cherries.

Height: Up to 50 feet (15 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Pseudotsuga menziesii

Douglas fir

Large coniferous tree with thick, fluted bark.

Height: Up to 300 feet (90 meters). Leaves evergreen.



Pteridium aquilinum

Bracken Fern

Rhizomous perennial fern with large, much-divided solitary fronds,

Height: Usually 3-6 feet (1-2 meters) tall, sometimes taller. Leaves deciduous.



Pyrola asarifolia

Pink Wintergreen

A small woodland herb with a basal clump of glossy green leaves and slender spikes of pink flowers.

Leaves deciduous.



Quercus garryana

Garry Oak

Beautiful, deciduous, heavy limbed oak tree.

Height: Up to 82 feet (25 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Ranunculus occidentalis

Western Buttercup

Slender perennial herb with fibrous roots and yellow flowers.

Height: Up to 2 feet (60 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Rhamnus purshiana

Cascara

Erect, tall shrub or small tree with alternate leaves and inconspicuous flower clusters.

Height: Up to 33 feet (10 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Rhododendron macrophyllum

Pacific Rhododendron

Showy shrub that can grow very large, with clusters of large pink flowers.

Height: Up to 26 feet (8 meters) if grown in shade; shorter and bushier in sunlight. Leaves evergreen.



Ribes lacustre

Black Gooseberry

Erect to spreading shrub with spiny stems.

Height: Up to 6.5 feet (2 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Ribes sanguineum

Red Flowering Currant

Erect, multi-stemmed shrub with showy clusters of deep pink flowers in early spring.

Height: 3-10 feet (1-3 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Rosa gymnocarpa

Baldhip Rose

Spindly shrub with brittle weak straight spines and small pink rose flowers.

Height: Up to 5 feet (1.5 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Rosa nutkana

Nootka Rose

Spindly shrub with a pair of prickles at the base of each leaf and large pink rose flowers.

Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Rubus parviflorus

Thimbleberry

Unarmed spreading shrub with large white flowers. Usually forms dense thickets.
Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Rubus spectabilis

Salmonberry

Erect and branching shrub with early spring pink flowers and reddish-orange raspberry-like fruits.
Height: Up to 13 feet (4 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Rubus ursinus

Trailing Blackberry

Trailing prickly vine producing small blackberries in late summer.
Height: 20 inches (50 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Sambucus racemosa

Red Elderberry

Shrub to small tree with clusters of small white flowers and red berries.
Height: 20 feet (6 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Sedum spathulifolium

Broad-leaved Stonecrop

Leaves evergreen.



Solidago canadensis

Canada Goldenrod

Forms patches from long creeping rhizomes. Stems leafy and hairy near the top, with a dense cluster of small yellow flowers.
Height: Up to 5 feet (1.5 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Sorbus sitchensis

Sitka-Mountain Ash

Leaves deciduous.



Stachys cooleyae

Cooley's Hedge Nettle

Perennial from rhizomes.
Height: Up to 5 feet (1.5 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Streptopus amplexifolius

Clasping Twisted Stalk

Perennial herb with a branched zigzagging stem and dangling white flowers.
Height: 3 feet (1 meter). Leaves deciduous.



Symphoricarpos albus

Snowberry

Erect shrub with attractive white berries that persist through the winter.
Height: Up to 6.5 feet (2 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Taxus brevifolia

Western Yew

Low-growing conifer with deep red-brown bark, flattened sprays of needles, and red berry-like cones.
Leaves evergreen.



Tellima grandiflora

Fringecup

Leaves deciduous.



Thuja plicata

Western Red Cedar

Large conifer with branches that droop and then turn back up (J-shaped), broad crowns.
Height: 100-230 feet (30-70 meters). Leaves evergreen.



Tiarella trifoliata

Foamflower

Herb with erect or ascending stems and spikes of dainty white flowers.
Height: 2 feet (60 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Tolmiea menziesii

Piggy-back Plant

A woodland herb whose leaves give rise to small plantlets.
Leaves deciduous.



Trientalis latifolia

Broad-leaved Starflower

A small delicate herb with a single whorl of leaves topped by several small, pink, star-shaped flowers.
Leaves deciduous.



Trillium ovatum

Western Trillium

Short stout stems topped with a whorl of three leaves and a single large white flower.
Height: 12-18 inches (30-45 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Tsuga heterophylla

Western hemlock

Leaves evergreen.



Tsuga mertensiana

Mountain Hemlock

Slow growing evergreen conifer.
Height: Up to 40 meters (130 ft) tall, but often shorter. Leaves evergreen.



Urtica dioica

Stinging Nettle

Tall perennial herb with deciduous leaves covered in stinging hairs.
Leaves deciduous.



Vaccinium ovatum

Evergreen huckleberry

Bushy shrub with small shiny green evergreen leaves and small clusters of pink bell-shaped flowers.
Height: Up to 4 meters (13 ft) tall. Leaves evergreen.



Vaccinium parvifolium

Red Huckleberry

Delicately branched shrub with small red huckleberries, suitable for shady areas on decaying wood.
Height: 4-10 feet (1.5-3 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Vancouveria hexandra

Inside-out Flower

Rhizomatous perennial with small white flowers and delicate leaves.
Height: 16 inches (40 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Viburnum edule

High Bush Cranberry

Shrub with bright red berries and brilliant fall foliage.
Height: 3-9 feet (1-3 meters) tall. Leaves deciduous.



Viola adunca

Early-blue Violet

A blue flowered violet that grows from slender rhizomes and is stemless in the early season, later grow upright stem.

Height: Up to 4 inches (10 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Viola glabella

Yellow Wood Violet

An attractive yellow-flowered violet of moist open woodlands.

Leaves deciduous.



Viola sempervirens

Evergreen Violet

A creeping violet with evergreen leaves and yellow flowers.

Leaves evergreen.



Xerophyllum tenax

Beargrass

Forms a tall grass-like clump of tough leaves topped by a large dense cluster of white flowers.

Height: 3-5 feet (1-1.5 meters). Leaves evergreen.