



PACIFIC NORTHWEST NATIVE PLANT LIST

Species (Scientific Name)	Mature Height	Spread	Flower, Fruit	Light Exposure	Moisture	Comments
EVERGREEN TREES						
Douglas fir (<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>)	100'	35'		part sun, shade	moist, dry	Very large native evergreen
Grand fir (<i>Abies grandis</i>)	170'	35'		full sun, part sun, shade	moist	Grows in moist conifer forests from 0' to just under 5,000' elevation
Noble fir (<i>Abies procera</i>)	100'	35'		full sun, part sun	moist, dry	Grows naturally in higher elevations than Douglas Fir
Pacific yew (<i>Taxus brevifolia</i>)	40'	25'	spring, fall	part sun, shade	moist, dry	Typically occurs as an understory tree
Sitka spruce (<i>Picea sitchensis</i>)	100'	30'	fall	full sun, part sun	moist	Native environment characterized by cool, moist climate
Western hemlock (<i>Tsuga heterophylla</i>)	100'	30'		full sun, part sun, shade	moist, dry	One of the most shade tolerant native species casts very dense shade
Western red cedar (<i>Thuja plicata</i>)	100'	40'		full sun, part sun, shade	moist, wet, dry	Growth is stunted on dry soils

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DECIDUOUS TREES						
Big leaf maple (<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>)	100'	60'	spring	full sun, part sun	moist, dry	Very large native
Cascara (<i>Frangula purshiana</i>)	30'	20'	spring, fall	full sun, part sun, shade	moist, dry	Native tree – fall color depends on exposure – purplish fruit feeds many native birds
Crabapple (<i>Malus fusca</i>)	20'	10'	spring, fall	full sun, part sun	moist, dry	Produces edible fruit
Oregon ash (<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>)	70'	35'	spring	full sun, part sun	moist, wet	Can't tolerate maritime exposure
Paper birch (<i>Betula papyrifera</i>)	60'	35'	spring	full sun, part sun	moist	High susceptibility to aphid infestation
Red alder (<i>Alnus rubra</i>)	120'	35'	spring, summer	full sun, part sun, shade	moist, dry	Nitrogen fixing
Quaking aspen (<i>Populus tremuloides</i>)	50'	30'	spring	full sun, part sun	moist, wet	Tree spreads by root sprouts and has an aggressive root system
Vine maple (<i>Acer circinatum</i>)	25'	25'	Spring, summer	part sun, shade	moist, wet, dry	Can become a sprawling shrub that grows into dense thickets so pruning can be important if under power lines or in a place where growth width is limited

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SHRUBS						
Bald hip rose (<i>Rosa gymnocarpa</i>)	5'	4'	spring, summer	full sun, part sun	dry	Has brilliant red hips that serve as food to wildlife
Evergreen huckleberry (<i>Vaccinium ovatum</i>)	6'	6'	spring, summer	part sun, shade	moist, dry	Does as well in cultivation as it does in naturalized settings
Osoberry (<i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i>)	10'	12'	spring	part sun, shade	moist, dry	One of the first shrubs to flower in the spring. AKA Indian plum
Low Oregon grape (<i>Mahonia nervosa</i>)	2'	4'	spring, summer	part sun shade	moist, dry	Yellow flowers appear in spring and edible fruit appears by fall
Mock orange (<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>)	6'	6'	spring	sun, part sun	dry	Has large, fragrant snow-white blooms
Ninebark (<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>)	7'	6'	spring	sun, part sun, shade	moist, dry	Easy to grow
Nootka rose (<i>Rosa nutkana</i>)	8'	6'	spring	sun, part sun	moist, wet	Good for erosion control
Oceanspray (<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>)	12'	12'	summer	full sun, part sun, shade	moist, dry	Flowers resemble ocean foam
Oregon grape (<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>)	6'	5'	spring, summer	full sun, part sun	moist, dry	Highly valued ornamental
Red elderberry (<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>)	15'	8'	spring, summer	sun, part shade, shade	moist, dry	Very common west of the Cascades

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SHRUBS CONTINUED						
Red-flowering currant <i>(Ribes sanguineum)</i>	6'	4'	spring	sun, part sun	dry, moist	Attractive flowering shrub
Red-osier dogwood <i>(Cornus sericea)</i>	8'	8'	spring	sun, part sun, shade	moist, dry	Easy to grow
Salmonberry <i>(Rubus spectabilis)</i>	10'	6'	spring	sun, part sun, shade	moist, wet	Flowers can attract hummingbirds
Salal <i>(Gaultheria shallon)</i>	4'	3'	spring, summer	part sun, shade	moist, dry	Hearty, thick evergreen leaves
Serviceberry <i>(Amelanchier alnifolia)</i>	20'	8'	spring, summer	full sun, part sun, shade	moist, dry	White flower clusters appear in spring and are up to 2 inches across
Snowberry <i>(Symphoricarpos albus)</i>	4'	3'	fall, winter	sun, part sun, shade	moist, dry	A low twiggy shrub, keeps berries in winter
Thimbleberry <i>(Rubus parviflorus)</i>	4'	2'	spring, summer	part sun, shade	moist, dry	Red, edible fruit enjoyed by wildlife
Twinberry <i>(Lonicera involucrata)</i>	10'	6'	spring, summer	full sun, part sun, shade	moist, wet	The largest of the shrubby honeysuckles
Willow spp. <i>(Salix spp.)</i>	18-30'	14-30'	spring	sun, part sun	moist, dry	A low twiggy shrub

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GROUNDCOVERS						
Beach (Coastal) strawberry <i>(Fragaria chiloensis)</i>	6"	4'	spring	sun, part sun	dry, moist	Attractive flowering shrub
Bunchberry <i>(Cornus unalaschkenis)</i>	6"	2'	spring, fall	part sun, shade	moist	Has distinctive white bracts around its flower
False lily-of-the-valley <i>(Maianthemum dilatatum)</i>	1'	5'	spring, summer	part sun, shade	moist, wet	Spreads aggressively
Inside-out-flower (<i>Vancouveria hexandra</i>)	1'	1'	spring	part sun, shade	moist, dry	Best suited for a semi-shady, dappled light setting
Vanilla leaf <i>(Achlys triphylla)</i>	1'	5'	spring	part sun, shade	moist	A perennial herb that spreads by underground roots
PERENNIALS						
Douglas' aster <i>(Aster subspicatus)</i>	3'	2'	spring, summer	sun, part sun	dry, moist	Growing ease high, marine shoreline plant
Deer fern <i>(Blechnum spicant)</i>	1.5'	2'	spring	part sun, shade	moist, dry	Long lifespan
Fireweed <i>(Chamerion angustifolium)</i>	2-5'	1'	spring, summer	sun, part sun	moist, dry	Formerly known as <i>Epilobium angustifolium</i>
Goatsbeard <i>(Aruncus dioicus)</i>	4-6'	2-3'	spring	sun, part sun	moist	Prefers edge habitat
Goldenrod <i>(Solidago canadensis)</i>	2-5'	1-3'	spring, summer	sun	moist, dry	Bright yellow color
Maidenhair fern <i>(Adiantum aleuticum)</i>	1-2'	2'	spring, summer	part sun, shade	moist, wet	Formerly known as <i>Adiantum pedatum</i>

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PERENNIALS CONTINUED						
Pearly everlasting <i>(Anaphalis margaritacea)</i>	3'	1.5'	spring, summer	sun	dry	Leaves are green on top and woolly-white underneath
Soft rush <i>(Juncus effusus)</i>	3'	3'		sun, part sun	moist, dry	A true rush
Sword fern <i>(Polystichum munitum)</i>	3.5'	2-3'	spring, summer	sun, part sun	moist, wet, dry	One of the most abundant ferns in the PNW
Trillium <i>(Trillium ovatum)</i>	1'	1'	spring	part sun, shade	Moist, dry	Beautiful white flowers appear in the spring

See photos of each species below.

Species to consider for slope stabilization include: Big Leaf Maple, Cascara, Red alder, Quaking aspen, Vine maple, Indian plum, Low Oregon grape, Ninebark, Nootka rose, Oregon grape, Red-osier dogwood, Salmonberry, Salal, Snowberry, Thimbleberry, Twinberry, and Willow species.

Species to consider when planting near surface water include: Big Leaf Maple, Cascara, Douglas fir, Oregon ash, Red alder, Sitka spruce, Quaking aspen, Vine maple, Western hemlock, Western red cedar, Bald hip rose, Indian plum, Ninebark, Nootka rose, Oceanspray, Oregon grape, Red elderberry, Red-flowering currant, Red-osier dogwood, Salmonberry, Salal, Serviceberry, Snowberry, Thimbleberry, Twinberry, and Willow species.

This list is just a sample of the many native species that grow throughout Puget Sound. Planting these species will benefit native wildlife species and offer beauty and function as well. Using native tree and plant species is especially vital along natural water courses and shorelines.

Other sources include:

- **Your local nursery.**
- [Washington Native Plant Society](#)
- [Washington State University's NorthWest Plants Database system](#)
- [King County's Native Plant Guide](#) which includes landscape templates and plant list tool.

Coniferous Trees



DOUGLAS FIR



GRAND FIR



NOBLE FIR



PACIFIC YEW



SITKA SPRUCE



WESTERN HEMLOCK



WESTERN RED CEDAR

Deciduous Trees



BIG LEAF MAPLE



CASCARA



CRAB APPLE



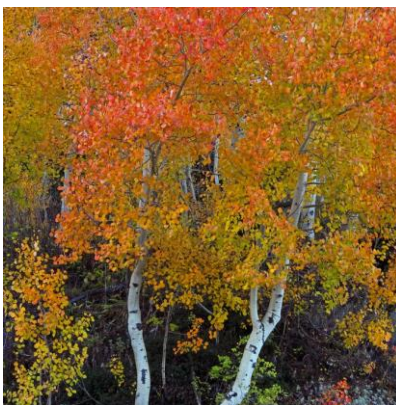
OREGON ASH



PAPER BIRCH



RED ALDER



QUAKING ASPEN



VINE MAPLE

Shrubs



BALD HIP ROSE



EVERGREEN
HUCKLEBERRY



OSOBERRY



LOW OREGON GRAPE



MOCK ORANGE



NINEBARK



NOOTKA ROSE



OCEAN SPRAY

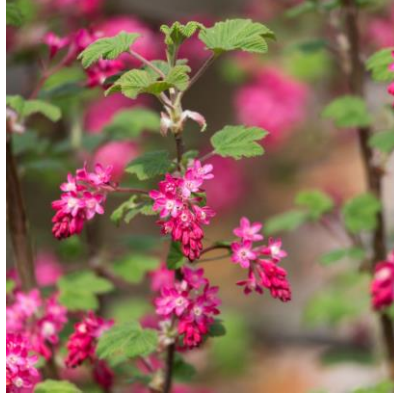


OREGON GRAPE

Shrubs (cont.)



RED ELDERBERRY



**RED-FLOWERING
CURRANT**



**RED-OSIER
DOGWOOD**



SALMONBERRY



SALAL



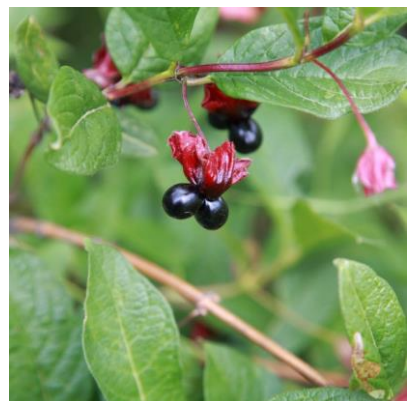
SERVICEBERRY



SNOWBERRY



THIMBLEBERRY



TWINBERRY

Shrubs (cont.)



WILLOW SPP.

Ground Covers



BEACH (COASTAL)
STRAWBERRY



BUNCHBERRY



FALSE LILY-OF-THE-
VALLEY



INSIDE-OUT-FLOWER



VANILLA LEAF

Perennials



DOUGLAS' ASTER



DEER FERN



FIREWEED



GOATSB Beard



GOLDENROD



MAIDENHAIR
FERN



PEARLY
EVERLASTING



SOFT RUSH



SWORD FERN

Perennials (cont.)



TRILLIUM

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