

Fire-Wise Plant Material for the Puget Sound Basin

Selecting native plants suited to the characteristics of your site will help ensure you have the most vibrant healthy landscape possible. Native plants require little or no watering and are less susceptible to stress.

Characteristics of Firewise Plants

- Little seasonal accumulation of dead vegetation
- Open, loose branching habit
- Non-resinous woody material, avoid junipers

Resources:

Washington Native Plant Society, 6310 NE 74th Street, Suite 215E, Seattle, WA 98115, <http://www.wnps.org/>

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Coniferous Trees

Common name	Scientific Name
Western red cedar	<i>Thuja plicata</i>
Western yew	<i>Taxus brevifolia</i>
Yellow-cedar	<i>Chamaecyparis nootkatensis</i>

Deciduous Trees

Common name	Scientific Name
Alder	<i>Alnus spp.</i>
Birch	<i>Betula spp.</i>
Cherry	<i>Prunus spp.</i>
Cottonwood, poplar, quaking aspen	<i>Populus spp.</i>
Crab-apple	<i>Malus spp.</i>
Flowering dogwood	<i>Cornus spp.</i>
Maple	<i>Acer spp.</i>
Oak	<i>Quercus spp.</i>
Oregon ash	<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>
Willow	<i>Salix spp.</i>

Shrubs

Common name	Scientific Name
Azaleas, rhododendrons	<i>Rhododendron spp.</i>
American cranberry bush	<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>
Black hawthorn	<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>
Black twinberry	<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>
Cascara	<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>
Copperbush	<i>Cladanthamnus pyroliflorus</i>
Cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster spp.</i>
Currant	<i>Ribes spp.</i>
Devil's club	<i>Oplopanax horridus</i>
False azalea	<i>Menziesia ferruginea</i>

Shrubs

Common name	Scientific Name
Grape holly	<i>Mahonia spp.</i>
Highbush-cranberry	<i>Viburnum edule</i>
Huckleberry, blueberry	<i>Vaccinium spp.</i>
Indian-plum	<i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i>
Kinnikinnick	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>
Mock orange	<i>Philadelphus spp.</i>
Mountain boxwood	<i>Pachistima myrsintes</i>
Oceanspray	<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>
Orange honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera ciliosa</i>
Oregon Grape	<i>Berberis spp.</i>
Oregon wintergreen	<i>Gaultheria ovatifolia</i>
Nootka or baldhip rose	<i>Rosa spp.</i>
Pacific ninebark	<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>
Raspberry, blackberry, salmonberry	<i>Rubus spp.</i>
Red elderberry	<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>
Red osier dogwood	<i>Cornus stolonifera</i>
Salal	<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier spp.</i>
Sitka mountain-ash	<i>Sorbus sitchensis</i>
Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>
Snowbrush or redstem	<i>Ceanothus spp.</i>
Soapberry, buffaloberry	<i>Sheperdia canadensis</i>
Twinflower	<i>Linnaea borealis</i>
Vine maple	<i>Acer circinatum</i>

Perennials

Common name	Scientific Name
Alumroot, coral bells	<i>Heuchera spp.</i>
Beard tongue	<i>Penstemon spp.</i>
California poppy	<i>Eschscholzia spp.</i>
Chives, onion	<i>Allium spp.</i>
Common camas	<i>Camassia quamash</i>
Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis spp.</i>
Evening primrose	<i>Oenothera spp.</i>
False lily-of-the-valley	<i>Maianthemum dilatatum</i>
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago spp.</i>
Geranium	<i>Geranium spp.</i>
Hosta	<i>Hosta spp.</i>
Indian hellebore	<i>Veratrum viride</i>
Iris	<i>Iris spp.</i>
Lamb's ear	<i>Strachys byzantina</i>
Lilies	<i>Brodiaea spp.</i>
Lilies	<i>Erythronium spp.</i>
Lilies	<i>Fritillaria spp.</i>
Lupine	<i>Lupinus spp.</i>
Native genera	<i>Orchidaceae</i>

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Common name	Scientific Name
Queen's cup	<i>Clintonia uniflora</i>
Red hot poker	<i>Kniphofia uvaria</i>
Solomon's-seal	<i>Smilacina spp.</i>
Trillium	<i>Trillium ovatum</i>
Twistedstalk	<i>Streptopus spp.</i>
Various-eyed-grass	<i>Sisyrinchium spp.</i>
Various native saxifraga	<i>Saxifraga spp.</i>
Wall flower	<i>Erysimum spp.</i>
Wild strawberries	<i>Fragaria spp.</i>
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>

Succulent Groundcovers

Common name	Scientific Name
Hens and chicks	<i>Echeveria spp.</i>
Stone crops	<i>Sedum spp.</i>

Non-Succulent Groundcovers

Common name	Scientific Name
Bearberry cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster dammeri</i>
Carpet bugle	<i>Ajuga reptans</i>
Cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla spp.</i>
Dusty miller	<i>Senecio cineraria</i>
Kinnikinnick	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>
Mother of thyme	<i>Thymus praecox arcticus</i>
Sea pink; thrift	<i>Armeria maritima</i>
Snow in summer	<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>
Verbenia	<i>Verbenia bipinnatifida</i>
Winter creeper	<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>
Wolly yarrow	<i>Achillea tomentosa</i>