

Plants of the Wild

LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE PLANTS

-----GROUND COVERS-----

KINNICKINNICK - *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*

- Evergreen groundcover forming a dense mat
- Leathery tear shaped leaves with pink flowers and red berries
- Needs well drained soil
 - PROS - very hardy and drought tolerant
 - Provides year round interest
 - CONS - susceptible to root rot
 - can be slow to establish

WILD GINGER - *Asarum caudatum*

- Ground cover with heart shaped leaves and purplish-brown flowers
- Likes moist acidic soils
 - PROS - nice texture in landscape
 - foliage smells like ginger

WESTERN CLEMATIS - *Clematis ligusticifolia*

- Climbing vine or ground cover
- Whitish-yellow quarter sized flowers followed by white fuzzy seed clusters
 - PROS - very adaptable and hardy
 - Provides good cover for wildlife
 - CONS - can be invasive if not controlled

BUNCHBERRY - *Cornus canadensis*

- Groundcover dogwood less than 6" high
- White dogwood flowers and clusters of red berries
- Semi-evergreen with red fall color
- Needs shade and acidic soil
 - PROS - extremely beautiful plant
 - CONS - fairly slow to establish

CREEPING OREGON GRAPE - *Mahonia repens*

- Evergreen ground cover Oregon Grape to 1' tall
- Yellow flowers and purple, edible berries
 - PROS - nice year round interest
 - CONS - can winter burn in our area

-----SHRUBS-----

COMMON SNOWBERRY - *Symphoricarpos albus*

- 4' shrub with pink flowers and white berries
 - PROS - good wildlife cover and food
 - CONS - problems with suckers, especially in wet areas

THIMBLEBERRY - *Rubus parviflorus*

- Fast growing shrub to 4-5'
- Pink raspberry-like fruit after 1" white flowers
 - PROS - good wildlife cover and food
 - CONS - problems with suckers, especially in wet areas

GOLDEN CURRANT - *Ribes aureum*

- 4-6' shrub with yellow trumpet flowers and red berries
 - PROS - good for hummingbirds and wildlife food
 - drought tolerant
 - CONS - some problems with suckers

RED FLOWERING CURRANT - *Ribes sanguineum*

- 4-6' shrub with bright red flowers in early spring
 - PROS - good for hummingbirds and butterflies
 - CONS - not very hardy, need protection

OCEANSPRAY - *Holodiscus discolor*

- 6-8' shrub with creamy white flower clusters
- tolerant of poor soils and drought
 - PROS - nice growth habit and flowering
 - CONS - some people do not like persistent seed heads

MOCKORANGE or SYRINGA - *Philadelphus lewisii*

- 6' shrub with beautiful white fragrant flowers
- tolerant of poor soils and drought
 - PROS - flowering
 - CONS - not attractive when not in flower

REDOSIER DOGWOOD - *Cornus sericea*

- 6-12' shrub with white flower clusters and white berries
- bright red twigs are nice contrast in winter
 - PROS - can be pruned
 - CONS - requires pruning to keep in small spaces

MALLOW NINEBARK - *Physocarpus malvaceus*

- 6' shrub with white pom-pom like flower clusters of flowers and peeling bark
 - PROS - tolerates poor soils and partial shade of full sun
 - CONS - needs moisture to look good in a landscape

OAKLEAF SUMAC - *Rhus trilobata*

- 4-6' shrub with yellow flowers and brilliant fall color
 - PROS - drought tolerant, good soil stabilizer
 - CONS - some people don't like the smell of foliage

WOODS ROSE - *Rosa woodsii*

- Pink flowered wild rose 3-4' high with persistent rose hips
 - PROS - good wildlife cover and food
 - CONS - spreads rapidly by suckers

SERVICEBERRY - *Amelanchier alnifolia*

- 6-12' shrub with white flowers and blue berries
 - PROS - superb wildlife cover and food, very adaptable to wide range of conditions

BIG SAGEBRUSH - *Artemisia tridentata*

- Soft textured very pubescent gray foliage
- Needs very dry well drained soil
 - PROS - beautiful texture and color
 - CONS - difficult to keep dry enough in some areas

-----TREES-----

WATER BIRCH - *Betula occidentalis*

- Fast growing, multi-stemmed tree to 30'
- Bronze bark
 - PROS - nice soft textured tree
 - CONS - susceptible to birch borer

PAPER BIRCH - *Betula papyrifera*

- Similar to Water Birch but get larger (40'+) and has white peeling bark
 - PROS - nice soft textured tree
 - CONS - susceptible to birch borer

SITKA ALDER - *Alnus sinuata*

- Fast growing, multi-stemmed tree to 30' in wetter areas
 - PROS - good for screen tree, very little disease problems
 - CONS - need water

DOUGLAS HAWTHORNE - *Crateagus douglasii*

- 10-15' tree with white flowers and small crabapple type fruit
 - PROS - great wildlife cover and food
 - CONS - large thorns

ROCKY MT. MAPLE - *Acer glabrum*

- Multi-stem tree
- New twigs bright red, and nice red fall color
 - PROS - fast growing tree
 - CONS - short lived tree

ROCKY MT. JUNIPER - *Juniperus scopulorum*

- Upright blue-green juniper to 20' high
 - PROS - Good for screens and hedges, very drought tolerant
 - CONS - somewhat difficult to transplant, susceptible to root rot

QUAKING ASPEN - *Populus tremuloides*

- Fast growing tree usually 20-30' with soft textured appearance
 - PROS - tolerates wide variety of soil conditions
 - CONS - suckers readily

CHOKECHERRY - *Prunus virginiana*

- Multistem tree or large shrub with white flowers and red berries
 - PROS - adaptable to a wide range of conditions
 - good wildlife habitat
 - CONS - can sucker if to wet

BLUE ELDERBERRY - *Sambucus cerulea*

- Small tree or large shrub with large flat topped flower clusters followed by purple berries
 - PROS - excellent bird feeder
 - CONS - old growth dies back

DWARF MT. ASH - *Sorbus scopulina*

- Small tree or large shrub with white flower clusters followed by red berries
 - PROS - beautiful year round interest
 - good wildlife food and cover
 - CONS - can be messy

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