

Drought tolerant plants for the Pacific Northwest



An alphabetical list of plants well suited to our
Pacific Northwest Climate and conditions

| Name | Common Name | Name | Common Name |
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| Trees | | | |
| • <i>Abies grandis</i> | Grand Fir (native) | • <i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i> | Golden Chain Tree |
| • <i>Acer circinatum</i> | Vine Maple (native) | • <i>Laurus nobilis</i> | Sweet Bay |
| • <i>Acer Douglasii</i> | Douglas Maple (native) | • <i>Picea engelmannii</i> | Engleman Spruce |
| • <i>Acer macrophyllum</i> | Big Leaf Maple | • <i>Pinus</i> | Pine (most pines) |
| • <i>Acer palmatum</i> | Japanese Maple | • <i>Pinus contorta</i> var. <i>contorta</i> | Shore Pine |
| • <i>Alnus rubra</i> | Red Alder | • <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> | Douglas Fir |
| • <i>Arbutus menziesii</i> | Pacific Madrone | • <i>Quercus garryana</i> | Garry Oak |
| • <i>Arbutus unedo</i> | Strawberry Tree | • <i>Rhus typhina</i> | Sumac |
| • <i>Calocedrus decurrens</i> | Incense Cedar | • <i>Robinia 'fraserii'</i> | Acacia (most Acacias) |
| • <i>Cedrus</i> | Cedar | • <i>Taxus baccata 'stricta'</i> | English Yew |
| • <i>Chamaecyparis (most)</i> | Cypress | • <i>Taxus brevifolia</i> | Western Yew |
| • <i>Cornus kousa</i> | Korean Dogwood | • <i>Tillia tomentosa</i> | Silver Linden |
| • <i>Cornus nuttali</i> | Native Dogwood | • <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> 'Emerald Green' | Pyramidalis |
| • <i>Cotinus coggygria</i> | Smoke Tree | • <i>Tsuga heterophylla</i> | Western Hemlock |
| • <i>Cupressus</i> | Cypress | • <i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i> | Golden Chain Tree |
| • <i>Fraxinus</i> | Ash | • <i>Laurus nobilis</i> | Sweet Bay |
| • <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> 'Sunburst' | Sunburst Locust | • <i>Picea engelmannii</i> | Engleman Spruce |
| Shrubs | | | |
| • <i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i> | Serviceberry | • <i>Juniperus chinensis</i> | Chinese Juniper |
| • <i>Arctostaphylos columbiana</i> | Hairy Manzanita | • <i>Juniperus communis</i> 'Compressa' | Juniper (fastigate) |
| • <i>Artemisia pycnocephala</i> 'David's Choice' | David's Castle Artemesia | • <i>Lavandula (all)</i> | Lavender |
| • <i>Artemisia 'Powis Castle'</i> | Powis Castle Artemesia | • <i>Lavatera</i> | Tree Mallow |
| • <i>Artemisia 'Silver King'</i> | Silver King Artemesia | • <i>Lonicera ciliosa</i> | Orange Honeysuckle |
| • <i>Aruncus dioecius</i> 'Kniffii' | Goat's Beard | • <i>Mahonia aquifolium</i> | Tall Oregon Grape |
| • <i>Berberis thunbergii</i> , 'Atropurpurea' | Purple Barberry | • <i>Mahonia nervosa</i> | Low Oregon Grape |
| • <i>Berberis thunbergii</i> , 'Crimson Pygmy' | CP Barberry | • <i>Myrica californica</i> | Pacific Wax Myrtle |
| • <i>Berberis thunbergii</i> 'Hellmond Pillar' | Hellmond Pillar Barberry | • <i>Nandina domestica</i> | Heavenly Bamboo |
| • <i>Buxus sempervirens</i> | Dwarf Boxwood | • <i>Oemlaria cerasiformis</i> | Indian Plum |
| • <i>Camelia japonica</i> | Camelia | • <i>Ozmanthus heterophyllus</i> 'Goshiki' | Variegated False Holly |
| • <i>Ceanothus (all types)</i> | Wild Lilac | • <i>Philadelphus lewisii</i> | Mock Orange |
| • <i>Cistus (all)</i> | Rock Rose | • <i>Pinus mugho</i> | Mugo Pine |

Shrubs (continued)

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| • <i>Chenomeles</i> | Flowering Quince | • <i>Potentilla atrosanguinea</i> | Potentilla |
| • <i>Choisya ternata</i> | Mexican Orange | • <i>Prunus virginiana</i> | Chokecherry |
| • <i>Chamaecyparis thyoides</i> | White Cedar | • <i>Pyracantha coccinea</i> | Fire Thorn |
| • <i>Convolvulus cneorum</i> | Bush Morning Glory (not the invasive vine) | • <i>Ribes sanguineum</i> | Red Flowering Currant |
| • <i>Corylus cornuta</i> | Beaked Hazelnut | • <i>Rhododendron macrophyllum</i> | Pacific Rhododendron |
| • <i>Daphne cneorum</i> | Rock Daphne | • <i>Rhododendron (many)</i> | Rhododendron |
| • <i>Daphne odora</i> | Daphne | • <i>Rosa gymnocarpa</i> | Baldhip Rose (native) |
| • <i>Enkianthus campanulatus</i> | Enkianthus | • <i>Rosmarrinus officinalis</i> | Rosemary |
| • <i>Erysimum linifolium</i> 'Bowles Mauve' | Wallflower | • <i>Rubus paviflorus</i> | Thimbleberry |
| • <i>Escallonia rubra</i> | Escallonia | • <i>Sarcococca humilis</i> | Sarcococca |
| • <i>Euonymus alata</i> | Burning Bush | • <i>Sambucus canadensis</i> 'Aurea' | Golden Elderberry |
| • <i>Euonymus europaeus</i> | Spindle Tree | • <i>Sambucus cerulea</i> | Blue Elderberry |
| • <i>Euonymus</i> 'Silver King' | Silver King Euonymus | • <i>Santolina chamaecyparissus</i> | Lavender Cotton |
| • <i>Euonymus</i> 'Silver Queen' | Silver Queen Euonymus | • <i>Senecio greyi</i> 'Sunshine' | Sunshine Senecio |
| • <i>Forsythia intermedia</i> 'Lynwood Gold' | Forsythia | • <i>Symphoricarpos albus</i> | Snowberry (native) |
| • <i>Fuchsia magellanica</i> | Hardy Fuchsia | • <i>Syringa vulgaris</i> | Lilac |
| • <i>Garrya elliptica</i> | Silktassel | • <i>Syringa velutina</i> | Korean Lilac |
| • <i>Chamaecyparis pisifera</i> 'Sungold' | Golden Threadleaf Cypress | • <i>Vaccinium ovatum</i> | Evergreen Huckleberry |
| • <i>Hebe glaucophylla</i> <i>pagei</i> | Hebe | • <i>Vaccinium parvifolium</i> | Red Huckleberry |
| • <i>Hebe (all)</i> | Hebes | • <i>Viburnum davidii</i> | David Viburnum |
| • <i>Holodiscus discolor</i> | Ocean Spray | • <i>Viburnum edule</i> | Highbush Cranberry |

Perennials

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|---|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| • <i>Acanthus mollis</i> | Bear's Breach | • <i>Hemerocallis (all)</i> | Day Lily |
| • <i>Achillea millefolium</i> | Yarrow | • <i>Hyssopus</i> | Hyssop |
| • <i>Anacyclus</i> | Mt. Atlas Daisy | • <i>Iberis</i> | Candytuft |
| • <i>Anemone hybrida</i> (<i>japonica</i>) | Japanese Anemone | • <i>Iris foetidissima</i> | Iris |
| • <i>Anemone pulsatilla</i> | Pasque Flower | • <i>Iris germanica</i> | Bearded Iris |
| • <i>Anthemis tinctoria</i> | Golden Marguerite | • <i>Kniphofia</i> | Red Hot Poker |
| • <i>Aruncus dioecius</i> 'Kniffii' | Goat's Beard | • <i>Lavatera</i> | Lavatera |
| • <i>Aster frikartii</i> | Wild Aster | • <i>Liatris</i> | Gayfeather |
| • <i>Baptisia australis</i> | False Indigo | • <i>Limonium</i> | Statice |
| • <i>Bergenia</i> | Bergenia | • <i>Linum</i> | Perennial Flax |
| • <i>Caryopteris</i> | Bluebeard | • <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> | Cardinal Flower |
| • <i>Catananche</i> | Cupid's Dart | • <i>Malva (some)</i> | Mallow |
| • <i>Chrysanthemum maximum</i> | Shasta Daisy | • <i>Melianthus major</i> | Honey Bush |
| • <i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i> | Black Snakeroot | • <i>Nepeta</i> 'Six Hills Giant' | Catmint |

Perennials (continued)

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| • Coreopsis | Tickseed | • Oenothera | Evening Primrose (somewhat invasive) |
| • Corydalis lutea | Golden Corydalis | • Origanum | Oregano |
| • Cyclamen hederifolium | Cyclamen | • Paeonia | Peony |
| • Delphinium grandiflorum | Delphinium | • Papaver | Poppies |
| • dianthus (most) | Cottage Pinks | • Penstemon | Beard's Tongue |
| • Dicentra formosa | Bleeding Heart | • Perovskia | Russian Sage |
| • Echinacea | Purple Coneflower | • Potentilla atrosanguinea | Cinquefoil |
| • Erumurus isabellinus | Foxtail Lily | • Romneya coulteri | Romneya |
| • Erigeron | Fleabane; California Daisy | • Rudbeckia fulgida (also hirta) | Black Eyed Susan |
| • Eringium | Sea Holly | • Salvia | Sage |
| • Erysimum linifolium 'Bowles Mauve' | Wallflower | • Sedum (many) | Sedum |
| • Euphorbia (some) | Euphorbia | • Salvia (most) | Sage |
| • Gaillardia | Gaillardia | • Teucrium | Germander |
| • Gaura | Gaura | • Thermopsis | False Lupine |
| • Geranium(incanum, macrorrhizum, nodosum) | Geranium | • Trillium grandiflorum | Trillium |
| • Gypsophila | Baby's Breath | • Trillium ovatum | Western Trillium |
| • Helleborus (all) | Helleborre | • Verbena (most) | Verbena |
| • Helianthemum nummularium | Sun Rose | • Veronica longifolia 'Blue Giant' | Veronica |
| • Helichrysum plicatum | Curry Leaf Plant | | |

Ground Cover & Rockery Plants

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------|
| • Achillea millefolium | Yarrow | • Epilobium angustifolium | Fireweed |
| • Achlys triphylla | Vanilla Leaf | • Erica carnea | Heather |
| • Alchemilla mollis | Lady's Mantle | • Erigeron karvinskianus (or speciosus-a native) | Mexican Daisy |
| • Anaphalis margaritacea | Pearly Everlasting | • Euonymus fortunei | Creeping Euonymus |
| • Antenaria | Pussy Toes | • Euphorbia robii | Spurge |
| • Arabis | Rock Cress | • Gaultheria shallon | Salal |
| • Arctostaphylos uva-ursi | Kinnikinnick | • Genista Lydia | Spanish Broom |
| • Armeria | Thrift | • Helianthemum nummularium | Sunrose |
| • Aurinia saxatilis | Basket of Gold | • Hypericum calycinum | St. Johns Wort |
| • Calluna vulgaris (fall bloomers) | Heather | • Iberis sempervirens | Candytuft |
| • Campanula carpatica | Carpathian Bellflower | • Labularia | Ice Plant |
| • Cerastium tomentosum | Snow in Summer | • Linnaea borealis | Twinflower |
| • Delosperma | Ice Plant | • Mentha requienii | Corsican Mint |

Grasses and Sedges

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|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| • Carex buchananii | Leartherleaf Sedge | • Miscanthus sinensis zebrinus | Zebra Grass |
| • Carex comens | Hair Sedge | • Panicum virgatum | Switch Grass |
| • Carex testacea | Orange Sedge | • Penesetum alopecuroides | Fountain Grass |
| • Cortaderia pumilla | Dwarf Pampas Grass | • Penesetum 'Hamelin' | Dwarf Fountain Grass |
| • Cortaderia selloana | Pampas Grass | • Phormium tenax 'Tiny Tim' | New Zealand Flax |

Grasses and Sedges (continued)

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| • Festuca glauca | Blue Fescue | • Stipa arundinacea (anemathele lessoniana) | Pheasant's Tail Grass |
| • Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola' | Japanese Forest Grass | • Stipa gigantea | Giant Stipa |
| • Helictotrichon sempervirens | Blue Oat Grass | • Stipa tenuissima | Stipa |
| • Miscanthus sinensis 'Morning Light' | MML | • Sisyrinchium bellum | Blue-eyed Grass |

Bulbs

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| • Begonia tuberhybridia (yellow and white) | Tuberous Begonia | • Narcissus daffodils | Narcissus Daffodil |
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Ferns

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| • Adiantum aleuticum | Maidenhair Fern | • Polystichum polyblepharum | Fern |
| • Polystichum braunii | Fern | • Pteridium aquilinum | Bracken Fern |
| • Polystichum munitum | Sword Fern | | |

Vines

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| • Clematis armandii | Clematis | • Hydrangea petiolaris | Climbing Hydrangea |
| • Clematis integrifolia | Clematis | | |



Annuals

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|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| • Cosmos | Cosmos | • Lobularia maritima | Sweet Alyssum |
| • Delosperma | Ice Plant | • Pelargonium peltatum | Ivy Geranium |
| • Dorotheanthus | Livingstone Daisy | • Portulaca | Moss Rose |
| • Euryops | Yellow Marguerite | • Zinnia grandiflora | Zinnia |
| • Lantana | Lantana | | |

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