

Common Native Plants for Riparian Areas

<u>Latin Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<i>Abbreviations: m=metre N=nitrogen</i>		
<u>Trees</u>		
<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	Big-leaf Maple	Coastal/long lived/epiphytes on trunk (moss etc)
<i>Thuja plicata</i>	Western Red Cedar	Sacred /live 1000 yrs/ very impt wildlife
<i>Alnus rubra</i>	Red Alder	Fixes N/stabilizes bank/impt to bees & birds
<i>Betula papyrifera</i>	Paper or White Birch	Well-drained site/impt to cavity nesting birds
<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>	Cascara	Well-drained soil/impt food bee & birds/12-m
<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>	Black Hawthorn	Open sites/blooms April /impt wildlife-food & rest
<i>Prunus emarginata</i>	Bitter Cherry	Moist site/flowers Apr./hummers, bees/9m tall
<i>Malus fusca</i>	Pacific Crab Apple	Coastal/blooms Apr-May/moist sites/
<i>Salix hookeriana</i>	Hookers willow	Wet /use 1-metre whips/ 2/3rds length in soil
<i>Acer circinatum</i>	Vine Maple	SW Coast/green bark/shrub like/moist site
<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	Red Elderberry	Moist site/birds eat berries/dies-back-resprouts
<u>Shrubs</u>		
<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	Oceanspray	Dry to moist open site/plume flowers June-July
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	Red Flowering Currant	Ok dry site/Flowers in April/attracts hummers
<i>Rosa nootkatensis</i>	Nootka Rose	Needs light/blooms May / impt. to bees
<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	Pacific Ninebark	Flowers June / some sun / imp to insects
<i>Spiraea douglasii</i>	Hardhack	Hardy/wet/dry/purple plumes July/stabilizes
<i>Cornus stolonifera</i>	Red-osier dogwood	Hardy/gets tall/dry-wet/white clusters June
<i>Populus balsamifera</i>	Black cottonwood	Grows fast/tall//impt wildlife/stabilizes banks
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	Black Twinberry	Easy grow/straggly/yellow flowers April/bees
<i>Osmaronia cerasiformis</i>	Indian Plum	Flowers March /sun /not too dry
<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	Mock Orange	Spectacular blooms June/sun/not too dry site
<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	Salmon Berry	Good choice /blooms March/ hummers
<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>	Thimble Berry	Good choice /blooms April/impt insects
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Snowberry	Easy to grow/ tolerates dry/impt bees
<u>Ground Cover</u>		
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	Tall Oregon Grape	Likes sunlight/okay dry/taller most covers
<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>	Salal	Tolerates dry & shade/tricky to get going
<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	Sword Fern	Tolerates dry & shade/evergreen
<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	Lady Fern	Tolerates shade & some dry/ tough plant
<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	Maidenhair	Pretty but tricky to grow/try in rock walls
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken Fern	Dry to wet sites/ hardy/tall/stabilizes soil
<i>Tellima grandiflora</i>	Fringe Cup	Easy to grow/wet or dry sites/ blooms July
<u>Aquatics</u>		
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	Cattail	Likes shallow water / filters water /aggressive
<i>Scripus acutus</i>	Hard-stemmed Bulrush	Likes deep water/filters water /soil stabilization
<i>Lysichiton americanum</i>	Skunk Cabbage	Wet, shady site/flowers Feb./impt for insects
<i>Carex obnupta</i>	Slough Sedge	Slough edges/ amphibian habitat/evergreen

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