THE plant LIST

A Companion to the *Choosing the Right Plants* Natural Lawn & Garden Guide

The Plant List | a *better* way to beautiful

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This plant list is a companion to *Choosing the Right Plants*, one of the *Natural Lawn & Garden Guides* (see the back panel to request your free copy). These guides will help you garden in balance with nature, so you can enjoy a beautiful yard that's healthy, easy to maintain and good for the environment.

When choosing plants, we often think about factors like size, shape, foliage and flower color. But the most important consideration should be whether a site provides the conditions a specific plant needs to thrive. Soil type, drainage, sun and shade—all affect a plant's health and, as a result, its appearance and maintenance needs.

The list on the following pages contains just some of the many plants that can be happy here in the temperate Pacific Northwest, organized by several key themes. A number of these plants are Great Plant Picks ( ) selections, chosen because they are vigorous and easy to grow in Northwest gardens, while offering reasonable resistance to pests and diseases, as well as other attributes. (For details about the GPP program and to find additional reference materials, refer to *Resources & Credits* on page 12.)

Remember, this plant list is just a starting point. The more information you have about your garden's conditions and a particular plant's needs before you purchase a plant, the better. By creating a plan and selecting plants wisely, you'll avoid costly errors, reduce maintenance and enjoy a better way to a beautiful, healthy garden.

Wet Winter/Dry Summer Plants

The following plants are some of the best at faring well in very wet winter soils—often due to slow drainage or constant seepage—and dry summer soils. Plants with an asterisk* can even handle standing water; all will thrive with good summer drainage. *Refer to page 12 for additional resources to help you find plants that match your garden's conditions.*

Mature Tree Heights

small	up to 30 feet tall
medium	30 to 70 feet tall
large	more than 70 feet tall

Trees

			Sun	Partial Shade	Shade	Deciduous / Evergreen	
Acer circinatum	VINE MAPLE	N	☼	⛅	☁	△	small; great fall color
Betula albosinensis var. *septentrionalis*	CHINESE RED BIRCH		☼	⛅		△	medium
Betula nigra	RIVER BIRCH		☼	⛅		△	large
Betula utilis var. *jacquemontii*	HIMALAYAN WHITE BIRCH		☼	⛅		△	medium; gorgeous bark
Crataegus laevigata and cultivars	ENGLISH HAWTHORN		☼	⛅		△	small
Liquidambar styraciflua	AMERICAN SWEET GUM		☼	⛅		△	large
*Metasequoia glyptostroboides**	DAWN REDWOOD		☼	⛅		△	large; deciduous conifer
Pinus contorta var. *contorta*	SHORE PINE	N	☼			▲	large
Quercus palustris	PIN OAK		☼			△	large

Betula albosinensis var. *septentrionalis*

Shrubs

Aronia arbutifolia	RED CHOKEBERRY		☼	⛅		↑	autumn berries
Aronia melanocarpa	BLACK CHOKEBERRY		☼	⛅		↑	autumn berries
Aronia × prunifolia	PURPLE CHOKEBERRY		☼	⛅		↑	autumn berries
● *Berberis darwinii*	DARWIN'S BARBERRY		☼	⛅		▲	dense habit
● *Berberis thunbergii* and cultivars	JAPANESE BARBERRY		☼	⛅		↑	'Rose Glow' is a GPP
● *Cornus alba* and cultivars*	REDTWIG DOGWOOD		☼	⛅		↑	'Elegantissima' is a GPP
● *Cornus stolonifera* and cultivars*	RED OSIER DOGWOOD	N	☼	⛅		↑	twig color best in sun
Gaultheria shallon	SALAL	N	☼	⛅		▲	forms a thicket
● *Myrica californica*	CALIFORNIA WAX MYRTLE	N	☼	⛅		▲	birds like the berries
● *Physocarpus opulifolius*	PURPLELEAF NINEBARK		☼			↑	'Diabolo' is a GPP
Potentilla fruticosa	SHRUBBY CINQUEFOIL		☼			↑	long bloomtime
● *Sambucus nigra* and cultivars	BLACK ELDERBERRY		☼	⛅		↑	'Gerda' is a GPP
Spiraea douglasii	DOUGLAS'S SPIREA	N	☼			↑	vigorous; forms a thicket
Spiraea × vanhouttei	BRIDAL WREATH SPIREA		☼			↑	pretty white flowers
Symphoricarpos albus	SNOWBERRY	N	☼	⛅		↑	white berries; forms a thicket

Berberis darwinii

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Perennials, Grasses and More

			Sun	Partial Shade	Shade	Deciduous / Evergreen	
Acorus gramineus 'Ogon'*	GOLD VARIEGATED SWEETFLAG		☼	⛅	☁	▲	semi-evergreen; brighter in sun
Anemone nemorosa	WOOD ANEMONE		☼	⛅	☁	△	dormant in summer
Bergenia species and hybrids			☼	⛅	☁	▲	bold leaves
Blechnum penna-marina	ALPINE WATER FERN		☼	⛅	☁	▲	in sun, needs more water
Blechnum spicant	DEER FERN	N	☼	⛅	☁	▲	in sun, needs more water
Carex 'Ice Dance'*	VARIEGATED SEDGE		☼	⛅	☁	▲	vigorous groundcover
Carex oshimensis 'Evergold'*	VARIEGATED JAPANESE SEDGE		☼	⛅	☁	▲	
Erythronium revolutum	PINK FAWN LILY			⛅		△	dormant in summer
Erythronium 'Pagoda'	YELLOW FAWN LILY			⛅		△	dormant in summer
Hemerocallis cultivars	DAYLILY		☼			△	needs water until flower buds develop
Limnanthes douglasii	POACHED EGG PLANT		☼			△	spreading, self-seeding; dormant in summer
Luzula nivea	SNOWY WOODRUSH		☼	⛅		▲	unusual texture
Luzula sylvatica	GREATER WOODRUSH			⛅	☁	▲	best with occasional summer water

Acorus gramineus 'Ogon'

Osmunda regalis and cultivars*	ROYAL FERN						best with occasional summer water
Polystichum munitum	WESTERN SWORD FERN	N					best with occasional summer water
Polystichum polyblepharum	JAPANESE TASSEL FERN						best with occasional summer water
Polystichum setiferum Divisilobum Group and others	SOFT SHIELD FERN						best with occasional summer water
Waldsteinia ternata	BARREN STRAWBERRY						semi-evergreen; out-competes many weeds

Polystichum munitum

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NOTES:

Moisture-Loving Plants

Here are a variety of plants that can thrive with moist or wet conditions throughout the year, including poor drainage. Plants with an asterisk* can even tolerate standing water. *Refer to page 12 for additional resources to help you find plants that match your garden's conditions.*

Trees

Mature Tree Heights

small	up to 30 feet tall
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	Amelanchier canadensis	SHADBLOW SERVICEBERRY					small tree or shrub
	Betula albosinensis var. *septentrionalis*	CHINESE RED BIRCH					medium
	Betula nigra	RIVER BIRCH					large
	Betula utilis var. *jacquemontii*	HIMALAYAN WHITE BIRCH					medium
	Liquidambar styraciflua	AMERICAN SWEET GUM					large
	*Metasequoia glyptostroboides**	DAWN REDWOOD					large; deciduous conifer
	*Nyssa sinensis**	CHINESE TUPELO					medium
	*Nyssa sylvatica**	BLACK GUM					medium
	*Taxodium distichum**	BALD CYPRESS					large; deciduous conifer

Betula alboseninsis var. *septentrionalis*

NOTES:

Shrubs

Aronia arbutifolia	RED CHOKEBERRY		☼	⛅		↑	autumn berries
Aronia melanocarpa	BLACK CHOKEBERRY		☼	⛅		↑	autumn berries
Aronia × prunifolia	PURPLE CHOKEBERRY		☼	⛅		↑	autumn berries
Calycanthus floridus	CAROLINA ALLSPICE		☼	⛅		↑	interesting flowers
Clethra alnifolia	SWEET PEPPERBUSH			⛅		↑	fragrant pink flowers
● *Cornus alba* and cultivars*	REDTWIG DOGWOOD		☼	⛅		↑	'Elegantissima' is a GPP
● *Cornus stolonifera* and cultivars*	RED OSIER DOGWOOD	N	☼	⛅		↑	sun for best twig color
Lonicera involucrata	BLACK TWINBERRY	N	☼	⛅		↑	forms a thicket
● *Myrica californica*	CALIFORNIA WAX MYRTLE	N	☼	⛅		▲	forms a thicket
● *Physocarpus opulifolius* and cultivars	NINEBARK		☼			↑	'Diabolo' is a GPP
*Salix discolor**	PUSSY WILLOW		☼			↑	forms a thicket
● *Salix purpurea* and cultivars*	ARCTIC WILLOW		☼			↑	forms a thicket
● *Sambucus nigra* and cultivars	BLACK ELDERBERRY		☼	⛅		↑	'Gerda' is a GPP
Sambucus racemosa	RED ELDERBERRY	N	☼			↑	glossy red fruit
Sorbaria sorbifolia	FALSE SPIREA		☼	⛅		↑	forms a thicket; remove suckers to restrict spread
Vaccinium corymbosum	HIGH BUSH BLUEBERRY		☼	⛅		↑	delicious fruit

Physocarpus opulifolius 'Diabolo'

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Perennials, Grasses and More

			Sun	Partial Shade	Shade	Deciduous / Evergreen	
Acorus gramineus 'Ogon'*	GOLDEN VARIEGATED SWEETFLAG		☼	⛅	☁	▲	semi-evergreen; sun for brightest color
Adiantum aleuticum	WESTERN MAIDENHAIR FERN	N			☁	△	usually sold as A. pedatum
Astilbe (all)*	ASTILBE		☼	⛅	☁	△	in sun, needs more water
Blechnum spicant	DEER FERN	N	☼	⛅	☁	▲	in sun, needs more water
*Caltha palustris**	MARSH MARIGOLD		☼			△	yellow flowers
Carex 'Ice Dance'*	VARIEGATED SEDGE		☼	⛅	☁	▲	vigorous groundcover
Carex elata 'Aurea'*	BOWLES' GOLDEN SEDGE		☼	⛅	☁	△	sun for brightest color
*Carex obnupta**	SLOUGH SEDGE	N	☼	⛅		△	attractive seed heads
Carex oshimensis 'Evergold'*	VARIEGATED JAPANESE SEDGE		☼	⛅	☁	▲	
Dryopteris wallichiana	WALLICH'S WOOD FERN		☼	⛅	☁	△	tall, glossy fronds
Gunnera manicata	GIANT RHUBARB		☼	⛅		△	protect from drying winds
Hosta (all)			☼	⛅		△	'June' and 'Sum and Substance' are slug-resistant GPPs
Iris ensata and cultivars*	JAPANESE IRIS		☼	⛅		△	gorgeous flowers
Iris laevigata and cultivars	JAPANESE IRIS		☼	⛅		△	gorgeous flowers
Iris versicolor	BLUE FLAG		☼	⛅		△	gorgeous flowers

Carex 'Ice Dance'

	*Ligularia dentata**	GOLDEN GROUNDSEL						avoid midday sun
	Lobelia cardinalis	CARDINAL FLOWER						short-lived perennial
	Matteuccia struthiopteris	OSTRICH FERN						spreads vigorously
	*Mimulus cardinalis**	SCARLET MONKEY FLOWER						dappled shade
	Osmunda cinnamomea	CINNAMON FERN						
	Osmunda regalis and cultivars*	ROYAL FERN						
	*Primula beesiana**	CANDELABRA PRIMROSE						can be semi-evergreen
	*Primula bulleyana**	CANDELABRA PRIMROSE						can be semi-evergreen
	*Primula denticulata**	DRUMSTICK PRIMROSE						can be semi-evergreen
	*Primula elatior**	OXLIP						can be semi-evergreen
	Primula japonica and cultivars*	JAPANESE PRIMROSE						
	*Rodgersia pinnata**	RODGERSIA						
	Scrophularia auriculata 'Variegata'*	WATER FIGWORT						cut back mid-summer for fresh flush of foliage
	Thalictrum delavayi 'Hewitt's Double'	DOUBLE MEADOW RUE						airy leaves and flowers
	Viola glabella	STREAM VIOLET						can be semi-evergreen
	*Zantedeschia aethiopica**	CALLA LILY						evergreen in mild winters

Carex elata 'Aurea'

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Favorite Pacific Northwest Native Plants

These are among the most garden-worthy native plants available in local nurseries. When buying natives, ask to make sure the plants are nursery-propagated to avoid harming natural plant environments in the wild. *Refer to page 12 for additional resources to help you find plants that match your garden's conditions.*

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Trees

			Sun	Partial Shade	Shade	Deciduous / Evergreen	
Abies grandis	GRAND FIR	N	☀	⛅		Evergreen	large; drought tolerant
Acer circinatum	VINE MAPLE	N	☀	⛅	☁	Deciduous	small; great fall color
Chamaecyparis nootkatensis	WEEPING YELLOW CEDAR	N	☀			Evergreen	large; drought tolerant; 'Pendula' is a GPP
Cornus nuttali	PACIFIC DOGWOOD	N	☀	⛅	☁	Deciduous	medium; moist well-drained soil; drought tolerant
Malus fusca	PACIFIC CRABAPPLE	N	☀	⛅		Deciduous	large shrub or small tree; tolerates standing water
Pinus contorta var. *contorta*	SHORE PINE	N	☀			Evergreen	large; tolerates winter wet, summer drought
Quercus garryana	GARRY OAK	N	☀			Deciduous	small; needs excellent drainage
Rhamnus (Frangula) purshiana	CASCARA	N	☀	⛅	☁	Deciduous	small; moist, well-drained soil
Tsuga mertensiana	MOUNTAIN HEMLOCK	N	☀	⛅		Evergreen	small in garden setting; drought tolerant

Chamaecyparis nootkatensis 'Pendula'

Shrubs

Acer glabrum	DOUGLAS MAPLE	N	☼			↑	shrub or small tree
Amelanchier alnifolia	SERVICEBERRY, SASKATOON	N	☼	⛅		↑	well-drained soil
Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	KINNIKINNICK	N	☼	⛅		▲	groundcover
● *Cornus stolonifera (sericea)*	RED OSIER DOGWOOD	N	☼	⛅		↑	moist or dry soil
Gaultheria shallon	SALAL	N	☼	⛅	☁	▲	tolerates dry soil once established
Holodiscus discolor	OCEAN SPRAY	N	☼	⛅		↑	forms a thicket
Ledum groenlandicum	LABRADOR TEA	N	☼	⛅		▲	moist soil
Lonicera involucrata	BLACK TWINBERRY	N	☼	⛅		↑	forms a thicket; drought tolerant
Mahonia aquifolium	TALL OREGON GRAPE	N	☼	⛅	☁	▲	5-10 feet tall shrub
● *Mahonia nervosa*	CASCADE OREGON GRAPE	N	☼	⛅	☁	▲	drought tolerant; low-growing groundcover to 2 feet tall
● *Mahonia repens*	CREEPING OREGON GRAPE	N	☼	⛅	☁	▲	12-24 inch tall groundcover
● *Myrica californica*	CALIFORNIA WAX MYRTLE	N	☼	⛅		▲	tolerates winter wet, summer drought
Myrica gale	SWEET GALE	N	☼	⛅	☁	↑	wet to very moist soil
Paxistima myrsinites	FALSEBOX	N	☼	⛅		▲	compact shrub
Philadelphus lewisii	MOCK ORANGE	N	☼	⛅		↑	fragrant flowers
Physocarpus capitatus	PACIFIC NINEBARK	N	☼	⛅		↑	moist to fairly wet soil

Myrica californica

Rubus parviflorus

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Shrubs (cont.)

			Sun	Partial Shade	Shade	Deciduous / Evergreen	
Rhododendron macrophyllum	PACIFIC COAST RHODODENDRON	N	☼	⛅		▲	moist to fairly dry sites
Rhododendron occidentale	WESTERN AZALEA	N	☼	⛅		△	needs good drainage
Ribes sanguineum	FLOWERING CURRANT	N	☼	⛅		△	tolerates dry soil once established
Rosa gymnocarpa	BALDHIP ROSE	N	☼	⛅		△	drought tolerant, dry shade
Rosa nutkana	NOOTKA ROSE	N	☼			△	forms a thicket; pink flowers
Rubus parviflorus	THIMBLEBERRY	N	☼	⛅		△	forms a thicket; moist or dry soils
Rubus spectabilis	SALMONBERRY	N	☼	⛅		△	forms a thicket; moist soils
Sambucus nigra subsp. *cerulea*	BLUE ELDERBERRY	N	☼	⛅		△	blue fruits
Sambucus racemosa subsp. *pubens*	RED ELDERBERRY	N	☼	⛅		△	bright red fruits
Spiraea douglasii subsp. *douglasii*	HARDHACK	N	☼	⛅		△	forms a thicket; aggressive; moist to wet soils
Symphoricarpos albus	COMMON SNOWBERRY	N	☼	⛅		△	forms a thicket; white berries
Vaccinium ovatum	EVERGREEN HUCKLEBERRY	N	☼	⛅		▲	delicious blue berries
Vaccinium parvifolium	RED HUCKLEBERRY	N	☼	⛅		△	tangy red berries

Rubus spectabilis

Perennials, Grasses and More

Adiantum aleuticum	WESTERN MAIDENHAIR FERN	N					in sun, needs more water
Allium cernuum	NODDING ONION	N					bulb; pink flowers
Antennaria microphylla	ROSY PUSSYTOES	N					also called *A. rosea*
Aquilegia formosa	RED COLUMBINE	N					red-and-yellow flowers
Armeria maritima	SEA THRIFT	N					moist to dry soil
Aruncus dioicus	GOAT'S BEARD	N					
Asarum caudatum	WILD GINGER	N					spreading groundcover
Blechnum spicant	DEER FERN	N					in sun, needs more water
Camassia leichtlinii	LEICHTLIN'S CAMAS	N					bulb; blue or white flowers
Camassia quamash	COMMON CAMAS	N					bulb; tolerates winter wet, summer drought
Campanula rotundifola	COMMON HAREBELL	N					small perennial
Carex obnupta	SLOUGH SEDGE	N					wet site or standing water
Cornus canadensis	BUNCHBERRY	N					slow-growing groundcover
Dicentra formosa	PACIFIC BLEEDING HEART	N					spreads quickly; dormant in summer
Dodecatheon pulchellum	FEW-FLOWERED SHOOTINGSTAR	N					moist soil in sun
Eriophyllum lanatum	OREGON SUNSHINE	N					drought tolerant
Fragaria chiloensis	BEACH STRAWBERRY	N					spreading groundcover

Blechnum spicant

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Perennials, Grasses and More (cont.)

			Sun	Partial Shade	Shade	Deciduous / Evergreen	
Gymnocarpium dryopteris (disjunctum)	OAK FERN	N			☁	△	also called *G. disjunctum*
Heuchera micrantha	SMALL-FLOWERED ALUMROOT	N	☼	⛅		▲	semi-evergreen
Iris tenax	TOUGHLEAF IRIS	N	☼	⛅		△	
Juncus effusus	COMMON OR SOFT RUSH	N	☼	⛅		▲	wet to moist soil; grass-like
Lewisia columbiana	COLUMBIA LEWISIA	N	☼	⛅		▲	needs excellent drainage
Lonicera ciliosa	WESTERN TRUMPET HONEYSUCKLE	N	☼	⛅		△	climbing vine
Maianthemum dilatatum	FALSE LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY	N			☁	△	spreading groundcover; dormant in summer
Oxalis oregana	OREGON OXALIS	N			☁	△	also evergreen forms
Petasites frigidus	WESTERN COLTSFOOT	N	☼	⛅	☁	△	wet to very moist soil
Polystichum munitum	SWORD FERN	N	☼	⛅	☁	▲	drought tolerant once established
Prosartes (Disporum) hookeri	HOOKER'S FAIRYBELLS	N			☁	△	dainty white flowers
Sedum divergens	SPREADING STONECROP	N	☼			▲	round succulent leaves
Sedum oreganum	OREGON STONECROP	N	☼	⛅		△	oval succulent leaves
Sedum spathulifolium	BROADLEAF STONECROP	N	☼	⛅		▲	flattened gray leaves
Sisyrinchium californicum	GOLDEN-EYED GRASS	N	☼			▲	semi-evergreen; self-seeds
Sisyrinchium douglasii	SATIN-FLOWER	N		⛅	☁	△	red-purple flowers
Smilacina racemosa	FALSE SOLOMON'S SEAL	N		⛅	☁	△	white flowers; red fruit

Polystichum munitum

Smilacina racemosa

Smilacina stellata	STAR-FLOWERED SOLOMON'S SEAL	N					white flowers; dark blue or reddish-black fruit
Tellima grandiflora	FRINGECUP	N					moist soil
Thalictrum occidentale	WESTERN MEADOWRUE	N					blue-green foliage
Tiarella trifoliata	FOAMFLOWER	N					moist soil
Tolmiea menziesii	PIGGY-BACK PLANT	N					moist soil
Trillium ovatum	WESTERN TRILLIUM	N					dormant in summer
Vancouveria hexandra	INSIDE-OUT FLOWER	N					dainty groundcover

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Finding Native Plants

Most retail nurseries sell a variety of native plants. However, some of the selections on the Favorite Pacific Northwest Plants list may be available only from nurseries that specialize in native plants. To identify native plant nurseries, go to the Washington Native Plant Society (WNPS) website at www.wnps.org and click on "Landscaping," then on "Native Plant & Seed Sources." You can also purchase natives at the WNPS plant sales, also listed on their site. Or, simply ask your favorite nursery if they will order native plants for you.

For descriptions and photos of many native plants, visit WNPS's website listed above, or King County's Native Plant Guide at www.kingcounty.gov/gonative.

Drought-Tolerant Plants

The following plants can survive with little or no supplemental watering—besides rainfall—after they are established, a process that usually takes 2 to 3 years. As a general rule, these plants need good drainage in winter. Note that the plants on the Wet Winter/Dry Summer Plants list are also drought-tolerant. *Refer to page 12 for additional resources to help you find plants that match your garden's conditions.*

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Trees

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Acer buergerianum	TRIDENT MAPLE	☼			Deciduous	small; slow growing
Acer griseum	PAPERBARK MAPLE	☼	⛅		Deciduous	small; peeling bark
Acer tataricum subsp. *ginnala*	AMUR MAPLE	☼	⛅		Deciduous	small; suckering tree
Acer triflorum	ROUGHBARK MAPLE	☼	⛅	☁	Deciduous	small
Betula albosinensis var. *septentrionalis*	CHINESE RED BIRCH	☼	⛅		Deciduous	medium
Betula utilis var. *jacquemontii*	HIMALAYAN WHITE BIRCH	☼	⛅		Deciduous	medium; white bark
Calocedrus decurrens	INCENSE CEDAR	☼			Evergreen	large; conifer
Carpinus betulus 'Fastigiata'	EUROPEAN HORNBEAM	☼	⛅		Deciduous	medium; slow growing
Cornus mas	CORNELIAN CHERRY	☼	⛅		Deciduous	shrub or small tree
Crataegus × *lavalleei*	LAVALLE'S HAWTHORN	☼			Deciduous	small; showy fruit
Fagus sylvatica 'Purple Fountain'	COLUMNAR WEEPING COPPER BEECH	☼			Deciduous	small; columnar
Fagus sylvatica var. *heterophylla* 'Aspleniifolia'	FERNLEAF BEECH	☼			Deciduous	medium
Ginkgo biloba 'Autumn Gold'	MAIDENHAIR TREE	☼			Deciduous	large

Ginkgo biloba 'Autumn Gold'

Koelreuteria paniculata	GOLDENRAIN TREE						medium
Parrotia persica	PERSIAN IRONWOOD						medium
Picea omorika	SERBIAN SPRUCE						medium; slender conifer
Picea orientalis	ORIENTAL SPRUCE						large; conifer
Pinus leucodermis	BOSNIAN PINE						medium; conifer
Pinus parviflora f. *glauca*	BLUE-NEEDLED JAPANESE WHITE PINE						medium; conifer
Pyrus salicifolia 'Pendula'	WEEPING WILLOWLEAF PEAR						small; weeping form
Sequoiadendron giganteum and cultivars	GIANT SEQUOIA						large; 'Glaucum' and 'Pendulum' are GPPs
Trachycarpus fortunei	WINDMILL PALM						medium; slow growing; protect when young
Tsuga mertensiana	MOUNTAIN HEMLOCK	N					small in garden setting; conifer

Trachycarpus fortunei

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NOTES:

Shrubs

			Sun	Partial Shade	Shade	Deciduous / Evergreen	
Arbutus unedo	STRAWBERRY TREE		☼	⛅		▲	shrub or small tree
Berberis darwinii	DARWIN'S BARBERRY		☼	⛅		▲	blooms better in sun
Ceanothus 'Julia Phelps'	CALIFORNIA LILAC		☼			▲	midnight blue flowers
Ceanothus 'Victoria'	CALIFORNIA LILAC		☼			▲	bright blue flowers
Ceanothus 'Puget Blue'	CALIFORNIA LILAC		☼			▲	bright blue flowers
Choisya 'Aztec Pearl'	MEXICAN MOCK ORANGE		☼	⛅		▲	fragrant white flowers
Cistus × hybridus	WHITE ROCKROSE		☼			▲	
Cotinus 'Grace'	HYBRID SMOKETREE		☼			△	large burgundy leaves
Cotoneaster dammeri	BEARBERRY COTONEASTER		☼	⛅		▲	groundcover
Elaeagnus pungens 'Maculata'	GOLDEN VARIEGATED ELAEAGNUS		☼	⛅		▲	fragrant flowers in fall
Hebe 'Emerald Green'			☼			▲	white flowers
Hebe cupressoides 'Boughton Dome'	CYPRESS HEBE		☼			▲	white flowers
Hebe ochracea 'James Stirling'	WHIPCORD HEBE		☼			▲	bronzey foliage
Hebe odora 'New Zealand Gold'			☼			▲	white flowers
Hebe pinguifolia			☼			▲	white flowers
Hebe topiaria			☼			▲	white flowers
Ilex aquifolium 'Ferox Argentea'	HEDGEHOG HOLLY		☼			▲	male clone: no berries
Ilex crenata 'Convexa'	CONVEX LEAF JAPANESE HOLLY		☼	⛅		▲	excellent for hedge
Laurus nobilis	BAY LAUREL		☼			▲	excellent for cooking
Mahonia nervosa	CASCADE OREGON GRAPE	N	☼	⛅	☁	▲	blue berries

Arbutus unedo

Elaeagnus pungens 'Maculata'

Nandina domestica 'Gulf Stream'	DWARF HEAVENLY BAMBOO						needs some water in full sun to look its best
Malus toringo subsp. *sargentii 'Tina'*	DWARF SARGENT'S CRABAPPLE						disease resistant
Ribes sanguineum and cultivars	FLOWERING CURRANT	N					'King Edward VII' and 'White Icicle' are GPPs
Syringa vulgaris and cultivars	COMMON LILAC						fragrant flowers
Taxus baccata 'Fastigiata'	IRISH YEW						columnar conifer
Taxus baccata 'Repandens'	SPREADING ENGLISH YEW						mounding conifer
Viburnum tinus 'Spring Bouquet'	COMPACT LAURUSTINUS						flowers less in shade

Viburnum tinus 'Spring Bouquet'

Perennials, Grasses and More

Allium cristophii	STAR OF PERSIA						bulb; sandy soil
Anemone nemorosa	WOOD ANEMONE						dormant in summer
Asarum europaeum	EUROPEAN WILD GINGER						creeping groundcover
Agastache 'Blue Fortune'	HYBRID HYSSOP						long bloomtime
Camassia leichtlinii subsp. *leichtlinii*	LEICHTLIN'S CAMAS	N					bulb; dormant in summer
Crocus tommasinianus	TOMMASINI'S CROCUS						bulb; dormant in summer
Cyclamen coum	PERSIAN VIOLET						tuber; dormant in summer

Allium cristophii

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Perennials, Grasses and More (cont.)

			Sun	Partial Shade	Shade	Deciduous / Evergreen	
● *Cyclamen hederifolium*	IVYLEAF CYCLAMEN		☼	⌯	☁	▲	tuber; dormant in summer
● *Crambe maritima*	SEA KALE		☼			△	add lime to soil
Epimedium × *versicolor* 'Sulfureum'	BARRENWORT		☼	⌯	☁	▲	groundcover
● *Euphorbia characias* subsp. *wulfenii*	LARGE MEDITERRANEAN SPURGE		☼	⌯		▲	contact with sap may cause rash
● *Helenium* 'Moerheim Beauty'	SNEEZEWEED		☼			△	
● *Helictotrichon sempervirens*	BLUE OAT GRASS		☼			▲	comb out old leaves; do not cut to ground
● *Helleborus argutifolius*	CORSICAN HELLEBORE		☼	⌯		▲	striking leaves
● *Helleborus foetidus*	STINKING HELLEBORE		☼	⌯	☁	▲	green flowers
● *Helleborus* × *hybridus*	LENTEN ROSE		☼	⌯	☁	▲	showy flowers
● *Lathyrus vernus*	SPRING BUSH PEA		☼	⌯	☁	△	charming
● *Leptinella squalida* 'Pratt's Black'	BRASS BUTTONS		☼	⌯		▲	creeper for crevices
● *Leucanthemum* × *superbum* 'Becky'	SHASTA DAISY		☼			△	long bloomtime
Lonicera japonica	JAPANESE HONEYSUCKLE		☼	⌯		△	vine; fragrant flowers
● *Miscanthus sinensis* 'Morning Light'	CHINESE SILVERGRASS		☼			△	cut to ground in March
● *Salvia verticillata* 'Purple Rain'	SALVIA		☼			△	long bloomtime
● *Stipa gigantea*	GIANT NEEDLE GRASS		☼			▲	trim back in fall
● *Vitis vinifera* 'Purpurea'	PURPLELEAF GRAPEVINE		☼	⌯		△	vine; redder in sun

Cyclamen hederifolium

Helictotrichon sempervirens

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Drought-Tolerant Plants

Resources & Credits

Websites

- Great Plant Picks, www.greatplantpicks.org
- Native Plant Information:
  – King County Native Plant Guide, www.kingcounty.gov/gonative
  – Washington Native Plant Society, www.wnps.org
- Natural Lawn & Garden Care, www.naturalyardcare.info
- Washington State University (WSU) Extension Master Gardeners, http://gardening.wsu.edu

Books

- ***A to Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants*** by Christopher Brickell; American Horticultural Society, DK Publishing, Inc., 2004.
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- ***Grow Your Own Native Landscape*** by Michael Leigh; WSU Extension, 2013.
- ***Perfect Plant, Perfect Place*** by Roy Lancaster; DK Publishing, Inc., 2010.
- ***Plants of the Pacific Northwest*** by Pojar & Mackinnon; Lone Pine Publishing, 2004.
- ***Rain Garden Handbook for Western Washington*** by Curtis Hinman; WSU Extension, 2013.
- ***The New Sunset Western Garden Book*** by Kathleen Norris Brenzel, editor; Sunset Publishing Corporation, 2012.
- ***Trees and Shrubs for Pacific Northwest Gardens*** by John and Carol Grant; Timber Press, 1999.

Hotlines for Gardening Questions

- Plant Answer Line, UW Botanic Gardens, 206-897-5268
- WSU Master Gardener Hotline, Snohomish County Extension, 425-357-6010 or MG.help@wsu.edu

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