

Native Plants for Local Gardens

Websites with good information:

Evergreen BC <http://nativeplants.evergreen.ca/>

Native Plant Society of BC <http://www.npsbc.org/>

Nat's Nursery <http://www.natsnursery.com/>

King County <http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/stewardship/nw-yard-and-garden/native-plant-resources-nw.aspx>

Gardening in Western Washington Plant Guide <http://gardening.wsu.edu/text/nwnative.htm>

Where to buy:

Van Dusen Plant Sale – end of April

Strathcona Community Gardens Plant Sale – June/July annually

Art Knapps, David Hunter, Mandeville, Southlands, etc.

Garden Help Lines:

Plant Information Line Van Dusen:

<http://vancouver.ca/parks/parks/vandusen/website/contactus/contactus.htm>

Plant Information Line UBC Botanical Garden:

<http://www.ubcbotanicalgarden.org/contact.php>

Some General Hints:

In general native plants will not need pruning, fertilization or watering. Of course all purchased plants in pots need to be carefully watered for at least a year – perhaps two for trees - until they are firmly established because they are being artificially transferred from one environment to the other. Fertilization and pruning and extra watering do not happen in the wild so they are not necessary in your garden.

However some care should be taken when deciding which plant to put in a specific location. Understory plants will need some shade. Those which grow by the shoreline will need more sun. Some plants aren't fussy and don't mind either location. As well, some native plants will grow quite large and others will spread over large areas. They are accustomed to filling up large spaces. Find out the habits of a plant before putting them in a specific location.

Woodland and Field Plants for the BC Lower Mainland Ecosystem:

Trees:

Western Red Cedar (*Thuja plicata*)

Arbutus Menziesii or Arbutus Unedo (shrub)

Vine Maple (*Acer circinnatum*)

Western Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus nuttalis*)

Pacific Crabapple (*Malus fusca*)

Shrubs:

Evergreen

Bog Rosemary (*Andromeda polifolia*)

Evergreen Huckleberry (*Vaccinium ovatum*)

Tall Oregon Grape (*Mahonia aquifolium*)

Dull Oregon Grape (*Mahonia nervosa*)

Deciduous

Salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis*)

Nootka Rose (*Rosa nutkana*)

Orange Honeysuckle (*Lonicera hispidula*)

Red Flowering Currant (*Ribes sanguineum*)

Thimbleberry (*Rubus passiflora*)

Soapberry (*Shepherdia Canadensis*)

Saskatoon Berry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*)

Red elderberry (*Sambucus racemosa*)

Indian Plum (*Oembria cerasi formis*)

Shrubby Cinquefoil (*Potentilla fruticosa*)

Hardhack (*Spirea Douglasii*)

Mock Orange (*Philadelphus lewisii*)

Bald Hip Rose (*Rosa gymnocarpa*)

Pacific Ninebark (*Physocarpus capitatus*)

Ocean spray (*Holodiscus discolor*)

Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos alba*)

Salal (*Gaultheria shallon*)

Ferns

Sword Fern (*Polystichum munitum*)

Deer Fern (*Blechnum spicant*)

Ground Cover

Canada Violet (*Viola Canadensis*)

Buncherry (*Cornus unalaschkensis*)

Kinnikinnick (*Arctostaphylos uva ursi*)

Perennials

Fireweed (*Epilobium angustifolium*)

Western Red Columbine (*Aquilegia Formosa*)

Woody Pussytoes (*Antennaria lantanta*)

Mountain Goldernrod (*Solidagea multiradiata*)

Pink (&Yellow) Monkey Flower (*Mimulus lewisii*)

Yarrow (*Achilea millefolium*)

Goatsbeard (*Aruncus sylvester*)

Western Bleeding Heart (*Dicentra formosa*)

Pearly Everlasting (*Anaphalis margaritacea*)

Wild Onion (*Allium spp.*)

Shrubby Penstemon (*Penstemon fruticosus*)