

# Wildflowers & Western Washington Prairie Plants

## Why grow native Wildflowers?

We have a large variety of native wildflowers. No need to buy those packages of wildflower seeds. They can have non-native invasive species of wildflowers that can create a weed problem in your garden.

Pacific Northwest native wildflowers grow in a range of soils from dry to moist and in full sun to deep shade, including shade loving Trillium and Pacific bleeding-heart to sun loving Camas, Nodding onion and Chocolate lily. They can add color, interest and pollinator habitat to your garden.

The next pages have lists of wildflowers with their Latin names. The Latin name is specific to a given plant where a common name like daisy could be shared by many different plants. If you would like to learn more and see photos of native wild flowers check out the following websites:

- Washington Native Plant Society website on Native Plants for Western Washington Gardens and Restoration Projects at: <http://www.wnps.org/landscaping/herbarium/index.html>
- Washington Native Plant Society website photo gallery at: <http://www.wnps.org/photogallery1.html>
- Pollinators Pathway, a project by local Seattle gardeners creating a mile-long habitat for pollinators, has a website with great photos of the pollinators and the plants; many are native wildflowers. Learn more at: <http://www.pollinatorpathway.com/about/what-is-it>

A special group of native wildflower are the **Western Washington prairie flowers**. Yes there were once a few prairies in Western Washington! Today these ecosystems have been reduced to less than 1% of what existed in the mid 1800's. These prairies provided a home for a rich diversity of fauna, including birds, mammals, butterflies and other invertebrates. This wildlife was dependent on the open habitat and unique prairie plants that are now endangered or extinct.

The Nature Conservancy's Yellow Island in the San Juan Islands and a few isolated remnants in southwestern Washington are all that remain. Yellow Island is a small island with a rolling meadow of wildflowers, a truly inspiring site in spring through early summer.



A native northwest prairie on Yellow Island preserved & maintained by Nature Conservancy.

Consider devoting part of your landscape to ensuring that this flora survives. A dry, rocky site or well-drained loam will support prairie plants.

***Please do not collect plants in the wild.*** Several local nurseries and plant sales will have native and prairie wildflowers.

## Where can I purchase native wildflowers?

1. Our local chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society has a number of native wildflowers at their annual sale in early May at the Fairhaven Village Green in Bellingham.
2. For bigger projects Fourth Corner Nursery (they require a \$100 minimum purchase) carries a wide variety of native plants & wildflowers.
3. **Nurseries & Native Plant Sales Resources** hand out has additional sources.

# Wildflowers for Sun - Part Shade

		Color	Height	Dry	Well-drained	Spring Moist	Moist to Wet	B. Larval	B. Nectar	Hummingbird	Birds & More	Notes
Achillea millefolium	Common Yarrow	W	1-2'	★	★	★	★					
Allium cernuum	Nodding Onion	P	1-2'		★		★	★				WPF
Anaphalis margaritacea	Pearly Everlasting	W	1-2'	★	★		★	★				
Anemone multifida	Cut Leaf Anemone	W-P	1-2'	★	★		★					
Angelica arguta	Lyall's Angelica	W	3-5'			★	★		★	★		
Armeria maritima	Sea Thrift	Rose	1-2'	★	★		★		★			WPF
Asclepias speciosa	Butterflyweed	P/R	1-3'		★		★	★				
Aster subspicatus	Douglas Aster	PP	2-4'			★		★				
Camassia leichtlinii	Great Camas	B	2'			★		★	★			WPF
Camassia quamash	Common Camas	B	1'			★		★	★			WPF
Campanula rotundifolia	Harebells	B	1'	★	★				★			
Castilleja hispida	Harsh Paintbrush	O/R	1'	★	★		★	★	★			WPF
Cerastium arvense	Field Chickweed	W	1'	★	★		★					WPF
Dodecatheon pulchellum	Few-flower Shooting Star	PP	1'		★				★			
Epilobium angustifolium	Fireweed	PP	3-6'	★	★	★	★		★	★		
Erigeron peregrinus	Subalpine Aster	PP	1-2'			★		★				
Erigeron philadelphicus	Philadelphia Fleabane	P	1-2'			★		★				
Erigeron speciosus	Showy Fleabane	W-P	1-2'			★		★				
Eriophyllum lanatum	Oregon Sunshine	Y	1'		★			★				
Fragaria chiloensis	Coastal Strawberry	W	low		★		★	★				
Fritillaria pudia	Yellow Bells	Y	4-10"			★				★		
Gaillardia aristata	Blanket Flower	Y/O	1-2'	★	★	★	★		★			
Geum triflorum	Prairie Smoke	R	1-2'	★	★	★		★		★		
Grindelia integrifolia	Coastal Gumweed	Y	1-3'	★	★	★			★			
Iris douglasii	Douglas Iris	PP-L	1-2'		★	★				★		WPF
Iris tenax	Oregon Iris	P	1-2'		★					★		WPF
Luetkea pectinata	Partridgefoot	W	mat			★	★			★		
Linum lewisii	Wild Blue Flax	B	1-2'	★	★					★		
Lithophragma pariflorum	Woodland Prairie Star	P	4-12"			★				★		
Lomatium nudicaule	Barestem Parsley	Y	6-12"	★	★			★		★		
Lupinus latifolius	Broad-leaved Lupine	PP	3-4'		★	★		★		★	★	
Lupinus rivularis	Riverside Lupine	PP	2-3'		★	★		★		★	★	
Monarda fistulosa	Wild Bergamot	PP	2-4'	★	★				★	★	★	
Penstemon ovatus	Broad-leaf Penstemon	B	1-3'	★	★			★	★			
Penstemon serrulatus	Cascade Penstemon	B	1-2'		★			★	★			
Potentilla gracilis	Graceful Cinquefoil	Y	1-2'			★	★			★		
Ranunculus occidentalis	Western Buttercup	Y	1-2'			★	★		★			
Rudebekia occidentalis	Green Wizard	G	3-5'	★	★						★	
Sedum oreganum	Oregon Stonecrop	Y	mat	★	★			★	★	★		WPF
Sedum spathulifolium	Broad-leaf Stonecrop	Y	mat	★	★			★	★	★		WPF
Sidalcea hendersonii	Henderson's Checker-mallow	P	1-3'				★	★		★		
Sisyrinchium douglasii	Grass Widow	PP	1'	★	★					★		
Solidago canadensis	Goldenrod	Y	2-3'		★				★	★	★	
Solidago spathulata	Spikelike Goldenrod	Y	1-2'	★	★				★	★	★	
Thalictrum occidentale	Western Meadowrue	G-PP	2-4'		★					★		
Urtica dioica	Stinging Nettle	G	3-6'				★		★			

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WPF = Western Washington Prairie Wildflower

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Achillea millefolium	Common Yarrow	W	1-2'	*	*	*		*				
Aconitum columbianum	Monkshood	P-W	4-6'			*		*				
Allium cernuum	Nodding Onion	P	1'		*	*		*	*			
Angelica arguta	Lyal's Angelica	W	3-5'		*				*	*		
Aquilegia formosa	Sitka Columbine	R	1-2'		*	*		*	*	*		
Asarum caudatum	Wild Ginger	PP	mat			*				*		
Aster subspicatus	Douglas Aster	PP	2-4'		*			*		*		
Campanula rotundifolia	Harebells	B	1'	*	*				*			
Cornus canadensis	Bunchberry	W	mat			*		*				
Delphinium menziesii	Menzies' Larkspur	PP	1-2'		*	*			*			
Dicentra formosa	Bleeding Heart	P	1'			*	*	*	*			
Disporum smithii	Smith's Fairybells	W	1'		*	*			*			
Dodecatheon jeffreyi	Jeffrey's Shooting Star	PP	1-3'		*				*			
Erigeron philadelphicus	Philadelphia Fleabane	P	1-2'		*			*				
Erigeron speciosus	Showy Fleabane	L	1'		*			*				
Erythronium grandiflorum	Glacier Lily	Y	1'		*				*			
Erythronium oreganum	White Fawn Lily	W	1'		*				*			
Fragaria vesca	Woodland Strawberry	W	mat	*	*		*		*	*		
Heuchera glabra	Smooth Alumroot	W	1'			*	*		*			
Heuchera grossularifolia	Gooseleaf Alumroot	W	1'			*			*			
Heuchera micrantha	Small-flowered Alumroot	W	1-2'	*		*			*			
Illamna rivularis	Wild Hollyhock	P	2-4'			*		*	*	*		
Iris innominata	Golden Iris	Y	1'		*				*			
Iris tenax	Toughleaf Iris	P	1'		*				*			
Lilium columbiana	Tiger Lily	Y	3-4'		*			*	*	*		
Lonicera ciliosa	Orange Honeysuckle	O	V		*	*		*	*	*		
Lonicera hispidula	Hairy Honeysuckle	P	V	*	*			*	*	*		
Maianthemum dilatata	Wild Lily of the Valley	W	mat			*	*	*				
Mertensia paniculata	Tall Bluebells	B	2-4'			*			*			
Mimulus guttatus	Yellow Monkeyflower	Y	1-2'			*		*	*			
Mimulus lewisii	Pink Monkeyflower	P	1-2'			*		*	*			
Mitella pentandra	Five-stamened Miterwort	G	8"		*				*			
Mitella trifida	Mitrewort	G-P	1'		*				*			
Oxalis oregana	Redwood Sorrel	W	mat		*			*	*			
Petasites palmatus	Coltsfoot	W	1-2'			*		*				
Polemonium pulcherrimum	Showy Jacob's Ladder	PP	1'	*	*				*			
Prunella vulgaris	Self-Heal	PP	6"			*	*		*			
Smilacina racemosa	False Solomon's Seal	W	2-3'			*	*		*			
Streptopus amplexifolius	Clasping Twisted Stalk	G-W	2-3'			*	*		*			
Tellima grandiflora	Fringecup	W	1-2'		*	*			*			
Tiarella trifoliata	Foamflower	W	1-2'			*	*	*				
Trientalis arctica	Star flower	P	6"		*			*				
Trillium ovatum	Western Trillium	W	1-2'			*	*					
Vancouveria hexandra	Inside-out Flower	W	1-2'			*			*			
Viola adunca	Early Blue Violet	P	mat		*		*	*				
Viola sempervirens	Evergreen Violet	Y	mat			*	*					

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