

Big Rock Garden's

Native Plants for a Wildlife Friendly Garden

Evergreen Shrubs

1. <i>Gaultheria shallon</i>	Salal	2'x4'	Apr-May	pink	berries/birds, fox; nectar/butterfly; leaf/butterfly larvae
2. <i>R. macrophyllum</i>	Pacific Rhododendron	7-12'	May-Jun	pink	nectar/bees, butterflies
3. <i>Mahonia nervosa</i>	Cascade Oregon Grape	24"	Apr-May	yellow	berries/birds; nectar/butterflies, bees
4. <i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	Tall Oregon Grape	6'	Apr-May	yellow	berries/birds; nectar/butterfly, bees
5. <i>Vaccinium ovatum</i>	Evergreen Huckleberry	2'x3'	Apr-Jul	white/pink	berries/birds, fox, raccoon
6. <i>Arctostaphylos Columbiana</i>	Hairy Manzanita	12'	early spring	pinkish	fruit/birds, fox, squirrel; nectar/hummingbirds & butterflies
7. <i>Polystichum munitum</i>	Sword Fern	4'			shelter
8. <i>Pachystima myrsinites</i>	Oregon Box	3-3'	Apr	maroon	seeds/birds



4. Hairy Manzanita
Arctostaphylos Columbiana

Deciduous Shrubs

9. <i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Serviceberry	5'x8'	Apr-May	white	berries/21 bird species
10. <i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	Red Elderberry	8-20'	Apr-May	white	berries/29 bird species; nectar/butterflies, bees
11. <i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i>	Indian Plum	4'x10'	Feb-Mar	white	berries/birds; nectar/hummingbirds
12. <i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	Mock Orange	5'x8'	May-Jun	white	seeds, nectar/birds, butterflies
13. <i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	Oceanspray	12'	June	white	seeds/birds; nectar/butterfly; leaf/butterfly larvae
14. <i>Spiraea betulifolia</i>	Birchleaf Spirea	3'x4'	May	white	nectar/butterflies
15. <i>Cornus sericea</i>	Red Twig Dogwood	9'	May-Jun	white	berries/birds, butterflies; nectar/butterfly; leaf/butterfly larvae
16. <i>Corylus cornuta</i>	Beaked Hazel	3-12'	Feb-Mar	catkins	nuts/birds, squirrels, raccoons
17. <i>Ribes sanguinum</i>	Red Flowering Currant	3-9'	Mar-Apr	pink	berries/birds; nectar/hummingbirds and butterflies



10. Red Elderberry
Sambucus racemosa

Trees

18. <i>Cornus nuttalli</i>	Pacific Dogwood	60'	spring	white	berries/birds; leaf/butterfly larvae
19. <i>Sorbus scopulina</i>	Cascade Mt. Ash	10'	spring	white	berries/birds



18. Pacific Dogwood
Cornus nuttalli

Vine

20. <i>Lonicera ciliosa</i>	Orange Honeysuckle	vine	May-Jun	orange	seeds/birds, nectar/hummingbirds
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Perennials

21. <i>Dicentra formosa</i>	Bleeding Heart	8"	Apr	pink	butterfly larvae, hummingbirds
22. <i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	Sitka Columbine	2'	Jun	red & yellow	butterflies, hummingbirds
23. <i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Woodland Strawberry	mat	Apr-Jun	white	butterfly larvae
24. <i>Trillium ovatum</i>	Trillium	1-2'	Apr	white	nectar/hummingbirds
25. <i>Disporum smithii</i>	Fairy Bells	3'	May-Jun	white	nectar/hummingbirds
26. <i>Lilium columbianum</i>	Tiger Lily	3-4'	Jun-Jul	orange	nectar/hummingbirds
27. <i>Smilacina racemosa</i>	Great Solomon Seal	3-4'	Mar-May	white	nectar/hummingbirds
28. <i>Heuchera micrantha</i>	Small-flowered Alumroot	2'	May-Jul	white	nectar/hummingbirds
29. <i>Tellima grandiflora</i>	Fringecup	2'	May-Jul	white	nectar/hummingbirds
30. <i>Trientalis latifolia</i>	Western Star Flower	4-6"	Apr-May	white	nectar/hummingbirds

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21. Bleeding Heart
Dicentra formosa

All plants may not be visible or signed throughout the year

Wildlife Friendly Garden

This area demonstrates the use of native plants to attract wildlife. A wildlife friendly garden provides food, water, shelter and a place for wildlife to raise young. A unique feature of this Wildlife Friendly garden is the use of Western Washington prairie plants.

Why native plants?

Native plants are adapted to this climate with its late dry summer and wet winter. Maintaining native plants is generally easier as they are naturally more pest resistant. Over time, native plants have evolved features to attract wildlife for pollination and seed-dispersal. In turn the native flora provide food, shelter, and some butterflies utilize plant chemicals as a defense mechanism. Due to this interdependence losing native flora means losing native fauna.

Creating a Wildlife Friendly Garden

Getting Started:

Bellingham Community Wildlife Habitat Project at bcwhp@hotmail.com or Bellingham Backyard Habitat Mentors at 360-676-6801 ext. 24, parksvolunteer@cob.org

Certifying your Backyard Sanctuary:

Certify with National Wildlife Federation www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat or Washington Dept of Fish & Wildlife Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary Packets are available online <http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/backyard>

Western Washington's Endangered Prairie Ecosystem

Western Washington prairie ecosystems have been reduced to less than 1% of what existed at the time of European settlers in the mid 1800's. These prairies provided a home for a rich diversity of fauna, including birds, mammals, butterflies and other invertebrates. Those species of fauna dependent on the open habitat and unique prairie flora are now endangered or extinct. The remaining prairies are small and isolated. Whatcom County once had nearly a dozen prairie habitat areas. All are now gone. The Nature Conservancy's holdings such as Yellow Island in the San Juan Islands and a few isolated remnants in southwestern Washington are all that remain.

Enjoy the prairie flora included in the Wildlife Habitat Garden. A dry, rocky site or well-drained loam will support prairie plants. Consider devoting part of your landscape to ensuring that this flora survives. Specialty nurseries can provide seed grown plants. Please do not collect plants in the wild.

Images from Washington Native Plant Society & Oregon State University Landscape Plants websites




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Fawn Lily
Erythronium oregonum

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Western Washington Prairie Plants

<i>Erigeron speciosus</i>	Showy Fleabane	2'	Jun	purple	nectar/butterflies	
<i>Allium cernuum</i>	Nodding Onion	1'	Jun-Jul	pink	nectar/hummingbirds	
<i>Armeria maritima</i>	Sea Thrift	1'	Apr-Aug	pink	nectar/butterflies	
<i>Camas leichtlinii</i>	Great Camas	2'	May	purple	nectar/hummingbirds	
<i>Fritillaria affinis</i>	Chocolate Lily	2'	Apr-May	brown	nectar/hummingbirds	
<i>Erythronium oregonum</i>	Fawn Lily	1-2'	Mar-apr	white	nectar/hummingbirds	
<i>Sedum oregonum</i>	Oregon Stonecrop	mat	July	yellow	nectar/butterflies	
<i>Sedum spatulatum</i>	Broadleaf Stonecrop	mat	May	yellow	nectar/butterflies	
<i>Castilleja hispida</i>	Harsh Paintbrush	1'-2'	Apr-Aug	orange	nectar/butterflies	
<i>Dodecatheon pulchellum</i>	Shooting Star	6"-8"	Mar	purple	nectar/butterflies	
<i>Lomatium utriculatum</i>	Spring Gold	6"-8"	Apr	yellow	nectar/butterflies, leaf/ butterfly larvae	
<i>Lomatium nudicaule</i>	Naked Desert Parsley	1'	Apr	yellow	nectar/butterflies, leaf/ butterfly larvae	
<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i>	Oregon Sunshine	1'	May-Jun	yellow	nectar/butterflies	
<i>Delphinium menziesii</i>	Menzies's Larkspur	5"	Apr-May	purple	nectar/hummingbirds	
<i>Festuca roemerii</i>	Fescue	1'	May-Jun	seed/birds, cover/birds, butterflies, insects		
<i>Danthonia californica</i>	California Oatgrass	6"	May-Jun	seed/birds, cover/birds, butterflies, insects		

Spring Gold
Lomatium utriculatum



Sitka Columbine
Aquilegia formosa



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