

EDUCATE



2009



In 2008 Washington Native Plant Society Stewards and community volunteers began converting ½ acre of the Lower Sammamish Commons to a native plant sanctuary. The goal was to educate the public about native plants, native plant upland habitat, and environmentally friendly mulching techniques. Initial weed suppression was accomplished by sheet mulching with a layer of cardboard covered by a thick layer of straw and later supplemented with wood chips.



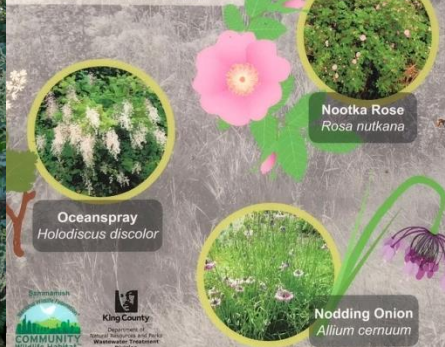
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In 2020 WNPS Stewards cleared out underbrush and added identification tags to make the collection more accessible to visitors.



... adapted to our local climate and provide food and shelter for wildlife. Native plants play a vital role in our ecosystems. Using native plants is a steward of our natural heritage.



Beach Strawberry
Fragaria chiloensis



Fringe Cup
Tellima grandiflora



Nootka Rose
Rosa nutkana



Oceanspray
Holodiscus discolor



Nodding Onion
Allium cernuum

The collection features many "water-wise" plants for home use. How many of those pictured can you find in the garden?

NATIVE PLANTS FOR HOME GARDENS

Common name

Scientific name

Erosion Control

salal	<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>
black twinberry	<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>
Nootka rose	<i>Rosa nutkana</i>
thimbleberry	<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>
salmonberry	<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>
Douglas spirea	<i>Spiraea douglasii</i>

Evergreen

Trees

Douglas-fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>
western redcedar	<i>Thuja plicata</i>
western hemlock	<i>Tsuga heterophylla</i>

Shrubs

kinnikinnick	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>
salal	<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>
tall Oregon grape	<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>
dull Oregon grape	<i>Mahonia nervosa</i>
sword fern	<i>Polystichum munitum</i>
Pacific rhododendron	<i>Rhododendron macrophyllum</i>
evergreen huckleberry	<i>Vaccinium ovatum</i>

Flowering Trees/Shrubs

western serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>
orange honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera ciliosa</i>
osoberry	<i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i>
Lewis' mock orange	<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>
red flowering currant	<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>

Groundcovers

kinnikinnick	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>
sea thrift	<i>Armeria maritima</i>
beach strawberry	<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>
sweet woodruff	<i>Galium odoratum</i>
coltsfoot	<i>Petasites frigidus var. palmatus</i>
inside out plant	<i>Vancouveria hexandra</i>

Shade Lovers

goat's beard	<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>
western red columbine,	<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>
lady fern	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>
deer fern	<i>Blechnum spicant</i>
sweet woodruff	<i>Galium odoratum</i>
false lily of the valley	<i>Maianthemum dilatatum</i>
false solomon's seal	<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>
coltsfoot	<i>Petasites frigidus var. palmatus</i>
fragrant fringe cup	<i>Tellima grandiflora</i>
foamflower	<i>Tiarella trifoliata</i>
western trillium	<i>Trillium ovatum</i>
piggy back plant	<i>Tolmiea menziesii</i>
inside out plant	<i>Vancouveria hexandra</i>

Sun Loving

Pollinators

common yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>
oceanspray	<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>
large leaf lupine	<i>Lupinus polyphyllus</i>
Henderson's checker-mallow	<i>Sidalcea hendersonii</i>
Canada goldenrod	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>
Douglas Aster	<i>Symphotrichum subspicatum</i>
bear grass	<i>Xerophyllum tenax</i>

Water wise

nodding onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>
beach strawberry	<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>
oceanspray	<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>
Nootka rose	<i>Rosa nutkana</i>
fragrant fringe cup	<i>Tellima grandiflora</i>

Winter Interest

paper birch	<i>Betula papyrifera</i>
red osier dogwood	<i>Cornus stolonifera</i>
Pacific ninebark	<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>
Nootka rose	<i>Rosa nutkana</i>
snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>