





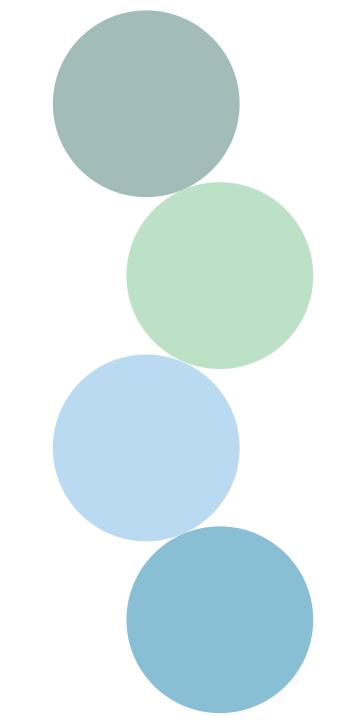
# Landscaping for Wildlife

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### Outline

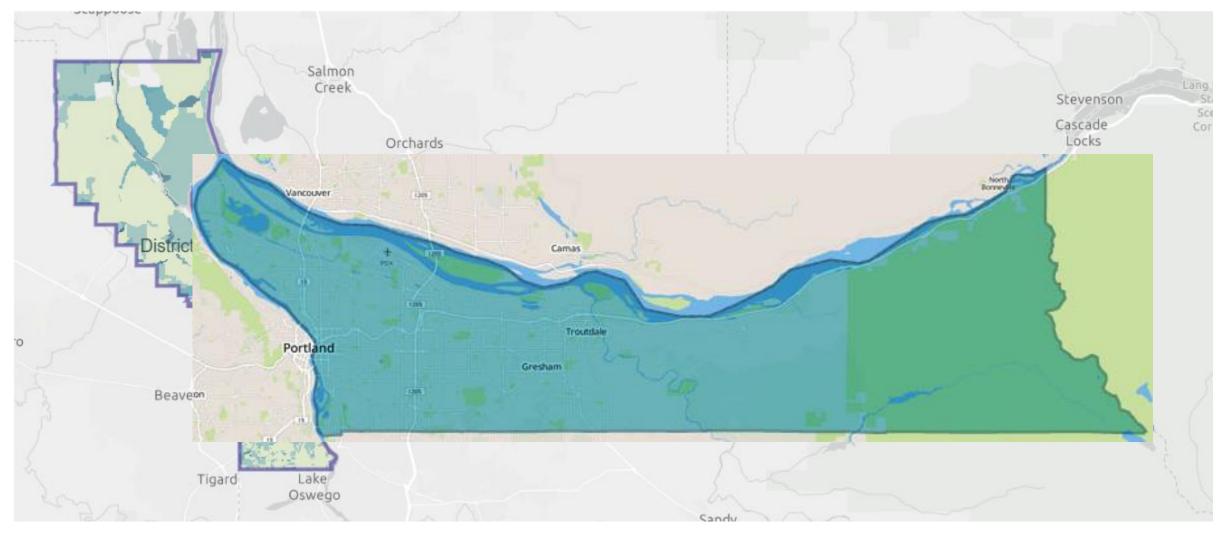
- Who is EMSWCD?
- Naturescaping 101
- Examples of Naturescaping
- Core Naturescaping Principles
- Encouraging Beneficial Wildlife





Who is EMSWCD anyway?

### Who is EMSWCD?



### We help people care for land and water.









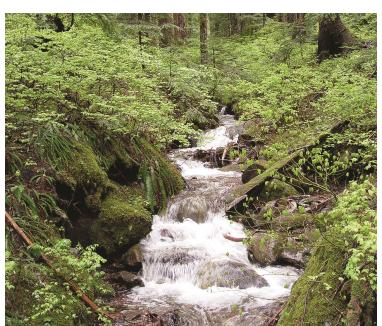
#### Grants

Land Legacy & Conservation

Rural Lands

**Urban Lands** 









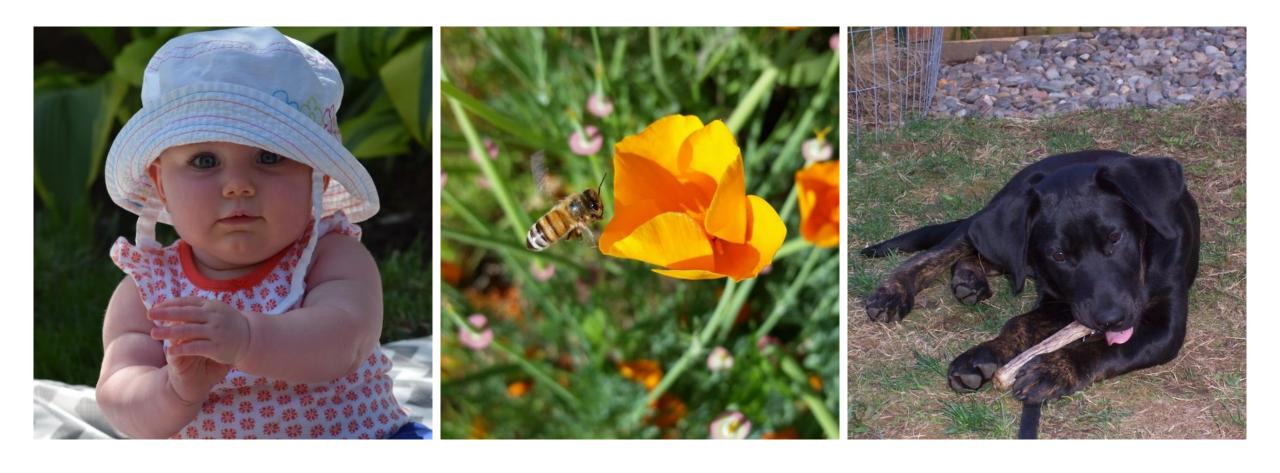


Why?



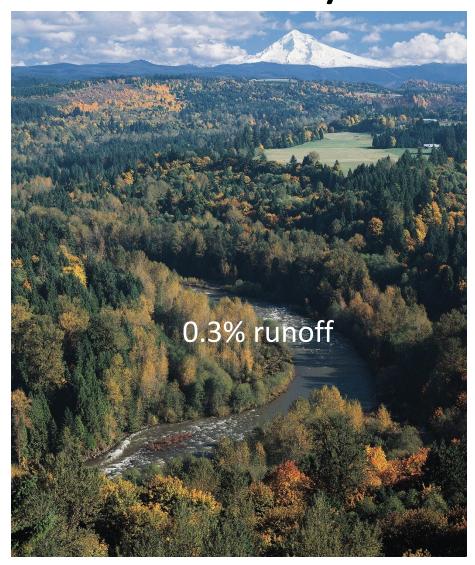


Some practices yield strange results...



To promote spaces that are healthy for people, pets and wildlife

## Variety of Landscapes







# Why Native Plants?

- Adapted to local soils & climate patterns
- Resistant to local garden pests
- Wildlife recognize their flowering & fruiting cycles
- Thrive without synthetic fertilizers or pesticides









# Benefits of Native Plants

- Low maintenance
- Drought tolerant = save \$
- Food & shelter for wildlife
- Pollution prevention









# Downside to Non-native Ornamental Plants

- Disease problems = pesticide use
- Can become weedy or invasive
- Nectar source but not larval source
- "Pest-free" ornamentals

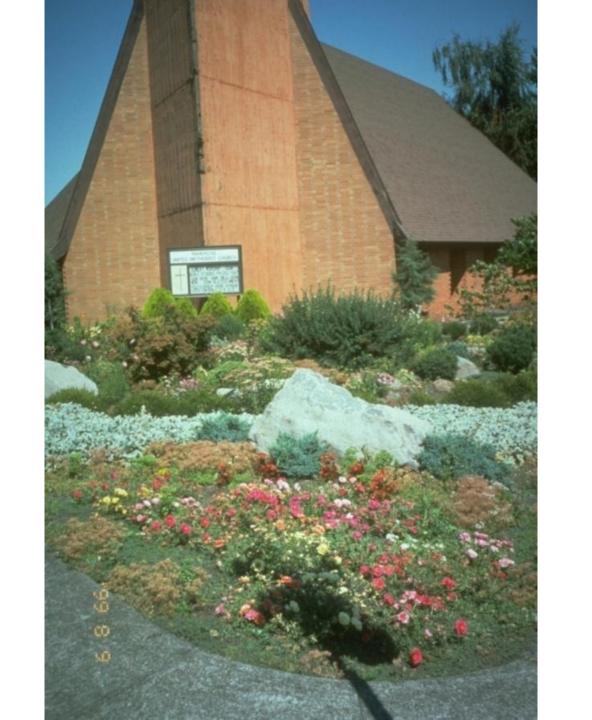




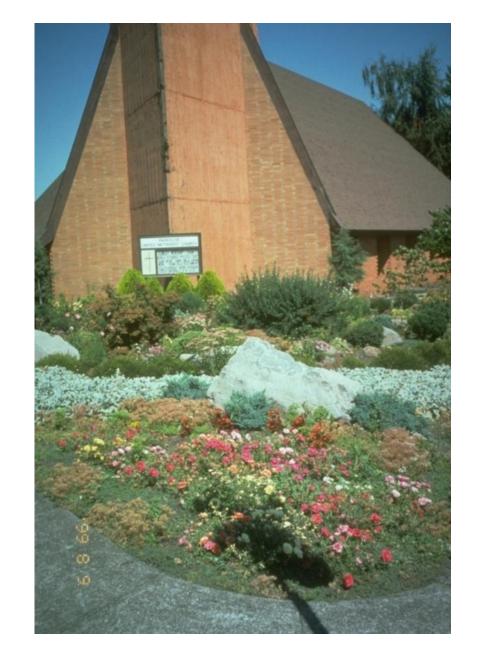


















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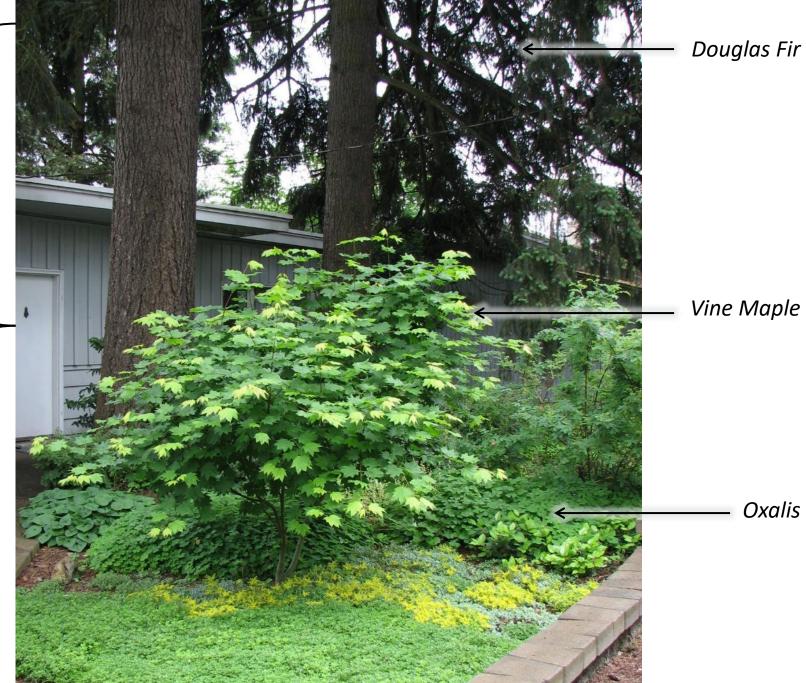
### Naturescaping: Core Principles

- Native Plants
- Evaluate Lawn Needs
- Water Wisely
- Mulch
- Encourage Wildlife



Use Native Plants

<u>Overstory</u> Large Trees

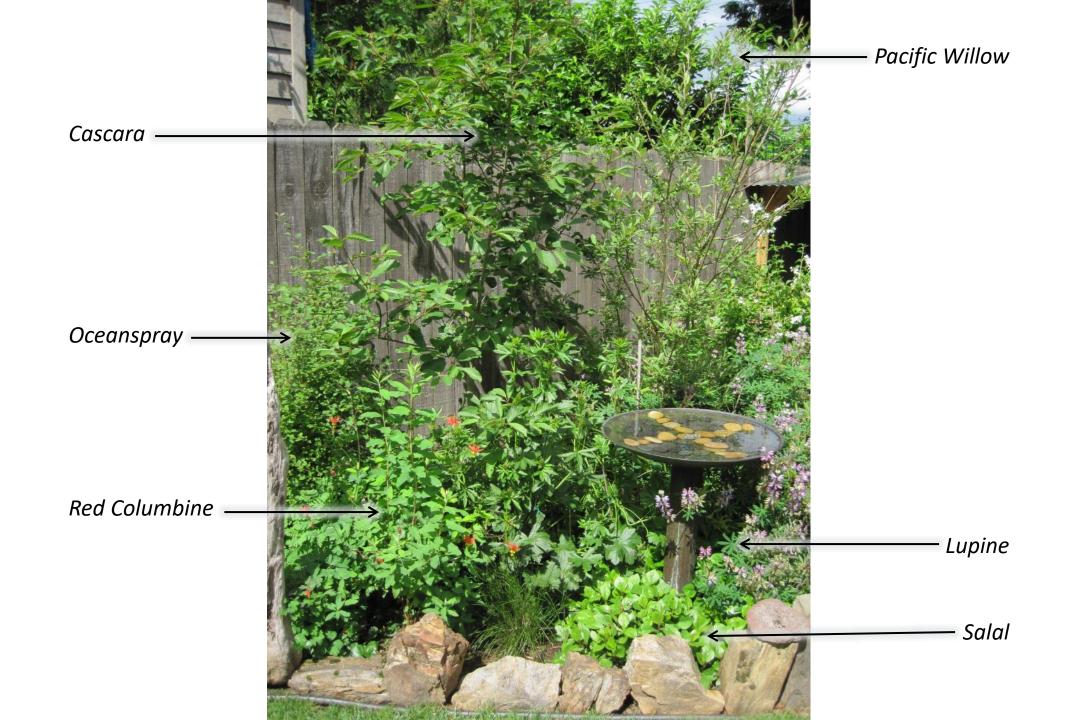


Vine Maple

Small Trees

Large Shrubs Groundcovers

<u>Understory</u>





Evaluate Your Lawn Needs





Coming up Thursday: Water Conservation

## Encouraging Wildlife







## Food

Select a wide variety:
Color
Year-round fruiting
Flower shape









### Food

#### Blooming Timetable of Native Plants in the Middle Willamette Valley

#### **Native Flowering Plant Species**

Common Name	Botanical Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Western buttercup	Ranunculus occidentalis			yellow						
Shooting star	Dodecatheon hendersonii			pink						
Western trillium	Trillium ovatum			white						
Meadow checkerbloom	Sidalcea campestris			light pink						
Tall larkspur	Delphinium trolliifolium			blue/purple						
Rosy plectritis*	Plectritis congesta*				pink					
Oregon geranium	Geranium oreganum				pink					
Riverbank lupine*	Lupinus rivularis*				purple					
Woodland strawberry	Fragaria vesca ssp. Brachteata				white to pink					
Oregon iris	Iris tenax				purple					
Camas	Camassia leichtlinii or quamash				blue/purple					
Western columbine	Aquilegia formosa				red					
Fringecup	Tellima grandiflora				greenish-white					
Pacific waterleaf*	Hydrophyllum tenupes*					light green				
Varileaf phacelia	Phacelia heterophylla					wh	white			
Lance sealfheal	Prunella vulgaris ssp. Lanceolata						purp			
Slender cinquefoil	Potentilla gracilis						yellow			
Showy milkweed*	Asclepias speciosa*						ligh	t pink		
Harvest brodiaea	Brodiaea elegans						purple			
Yarrow*	Achillea millefolium*							white		
Canada goldenrod	Solidago canadensis var. salebrosa						yellow			
Showy tarweed	Madia elegans						yell		llow	
Douglas aster*	Symphyotricum subspicatum*							light	ourple	
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep

Bold face type\* indicates host & nectar plants which are highly suitable for pollinators.

Marion Soil & Water
Conservation District

Color bars indicate associated flower color and flowering timeframe under "normal" climate conditions.

Water





















# Planting for Beneficial Wildlife



#### Kinnikinnick

Arctostaphylos uva-ursi



6" x 3+'



Dry; Moist

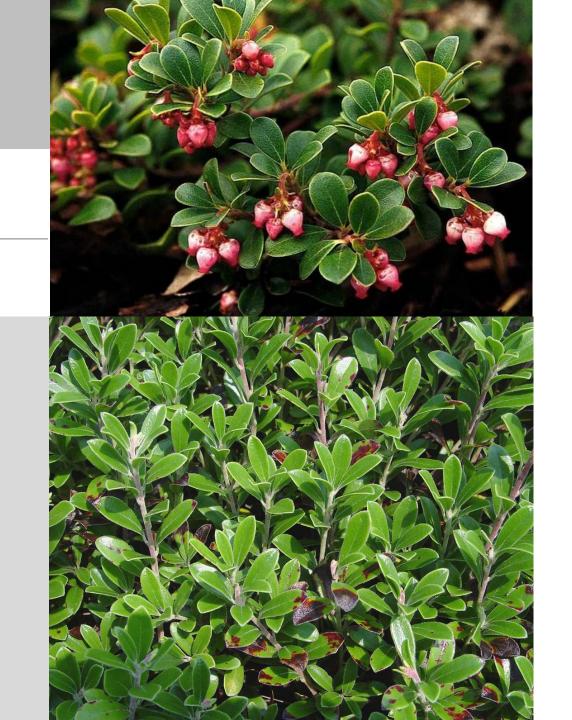


Full Sun; Part Shade

- Evergreen groundcover.
- Bright red berries followed by pink flowers.
- Mat forming. Erosion control

<u>Provides</u>: Nectar, Larval food, Caterpillar host plant

<u>Wildlife</u>: Bees, Pest-eating insects, Hummingbirds, Butterflies



## Coastal Strawberry

Fragaria chiloensis



6" x 1-3'



Dry; Moist



Full Sun; Part Shade

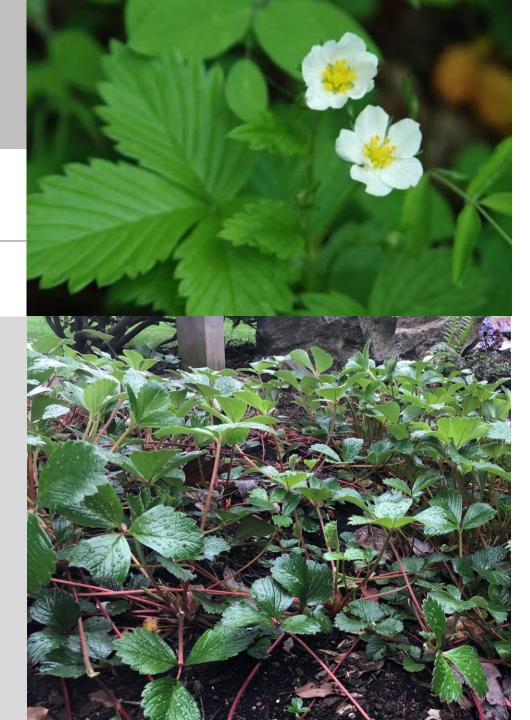
- Delicate small, white flowers followed by eggshaped berries
- Dark green, glossy leaves turn red in winter

#### **Provides**:

Larval food source.

Caterpillar host plant

<u>Wildlife</u>: Butterflies. Bees & other insect pollinators. Pest-eating insects



### Salal

#### Gaultheria shallon



6" x 3+'



Dry; Moist;



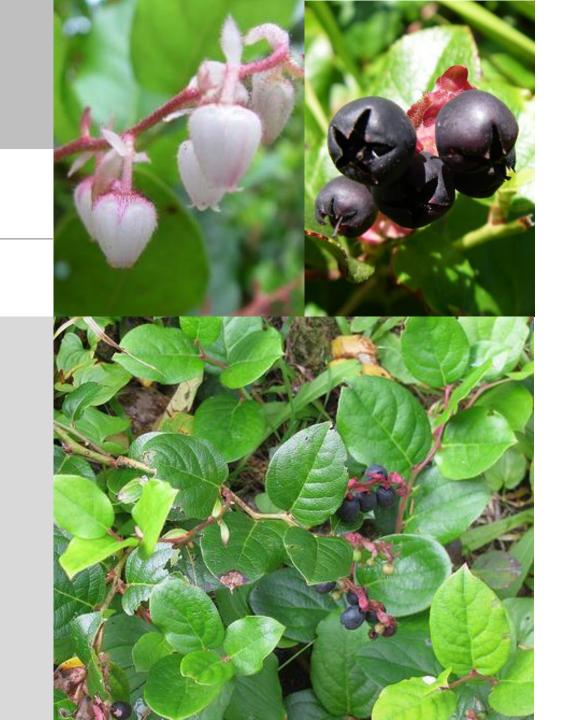
Part Shade; Full Shade

- Evergreen shrub
- Sweet dark blue/purple berries
- Pinkish-white flowers
- Great for bare areas under conifers

**Provides**: Nectar source

Wildlife: Bees & other insect pollinators.

Butterflies. Hummingbirds.



## Blue-eyed Grass

Sisyrinchium idahoense



1½' x 1'



Dry; Moist; Seasonally Wet



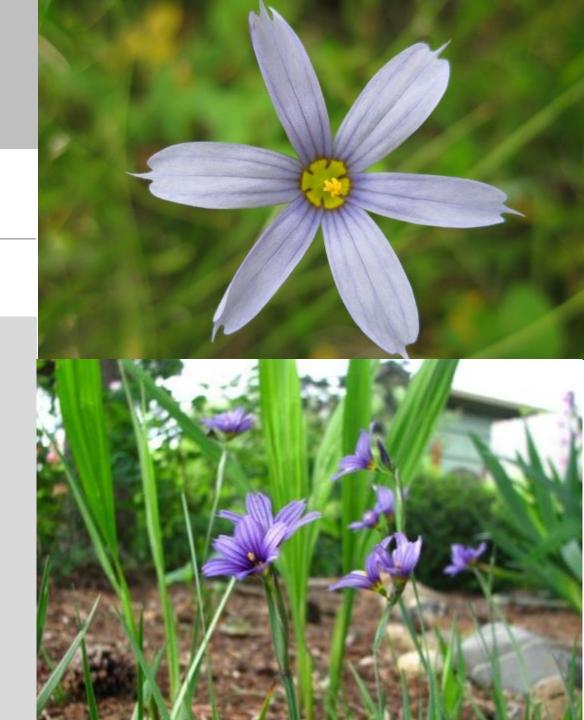
Full Sun; Part Shade

- Member of iris family
- Flattened leaves sport 1" blue-purple flowers
- Semi-evergreen, grows in small tufts/clumps
- Great rain garden plant!

**Provides**: Nectar source

Wildlife: Bees & other insect pollinators.

Butterflies. Beneficial insects. Pest eating insects



### Cusic's Checkermallow

Sidalcea cusickii



4' x 2



Dry; Moist



Full Sun; Part Shade

- Deep, tubular rose-like flowers on 3-4' stalk
- Considered rare/endangered native plant
- AKA Rose Checkermallow or Wild Hollyhock

<u>Provides</u>: Nectar source. Caterpillar host plant. Larval food source.

<u>Wildlife</u>: Bees & other insect other pollinators. Hummingbirds. Native butterflies.



### Douglas Aster

Aster subspicatus



3' x 1-3'



Moist

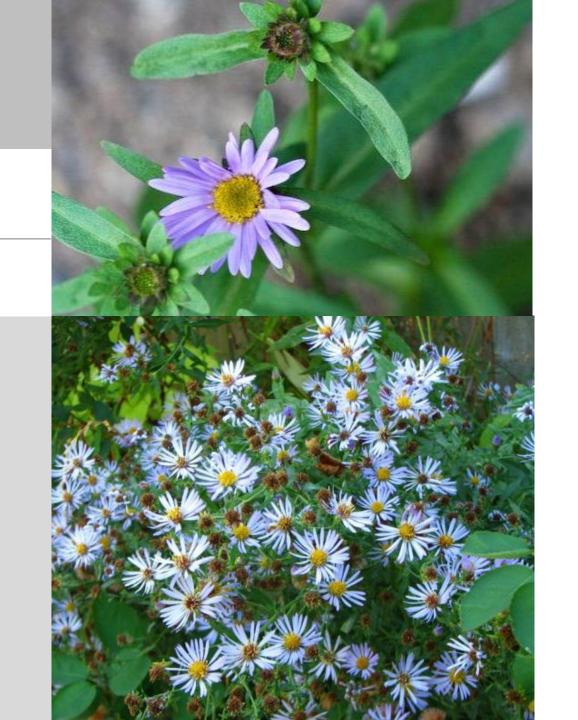


Full Sun; Part Shade

- Late-season blooms are critical resource for native insect pollinators & butterflies
- Fast-growing
- Spreads vigorously by rhizomes

<u>Provides</u>: Nectar source. Caterpillar host plant. Larval food source.

<u>Wildlife</u>: Bees & other insect other pollinators. Hummingbirds. Native butterflies.



### Oregon Iris

Iris tenax



6" x 1



Dry; Moist



Full Sun; Part Shade; Shade

- Grass-like stems with showy purple flowers
- Flowers can sometimes be white to cream
- Grows in clumps, spreads by by rhizomes

**Provides**: Nectar source

<u>Wildlife</u>: Bees & other insect other pollinators.

Hummingbirds. Butterflies.

Beneficial insects.



### Low Oregon Grape

Mahonia nervosa



1' x 2



Dry; Moist



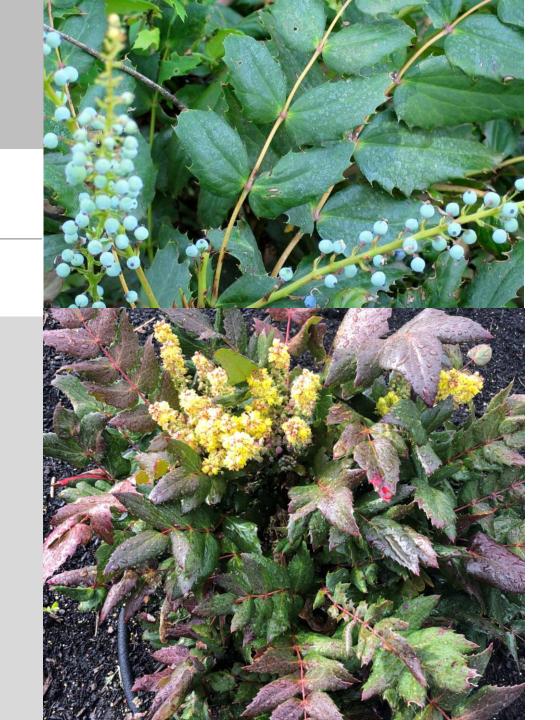
Full Sun; Part Shade; Full Shade

- Spiky, matte finish leaves
- Bright sprays of yellow flowers mature into berries
- Great for hard-to-fill spots under large trees

**Provides**: Nectar source.

<u>Wildlife</u>: Bees & other insect other pollinators. Hummingbirds. Butterflies.

Beneficial insects.



### Evergreen Huckleberry

Vaccinium ovatum



8' x 8



Dry; Moist



Full Sun; Part Shade; Full Shade

- Slow growing, low maintenance
- Important late summer & early fall food
- Great food & shelter for wildlife

<u>Provides</u>: Nectar source. Larval food source. Caterpillar host plant.

<u>Wildlife</u>: Bees & other insect other pollinators. Hummingbirds. Butterflies. Birds.





## Snowberry

Symphoricarpos albus



1-8' x 3-5'



Dry; Moist



Part Shade; Full Shade

- Showy white berries remain on bare branches
- Birds eat berries through winter when other food is scarce
- Berries are TOXIC to humans

<u>Provides</u>: Nectar source. Larval food source. Caterpillar host plant.

<u>Wildlife</u>: Bees & other insect other pollinators. Hummingbirds. Butterflies.



### Nootka Rose

Rosa nutkana



8'x 3-5'



Dry; Moist, Seasonally Wet

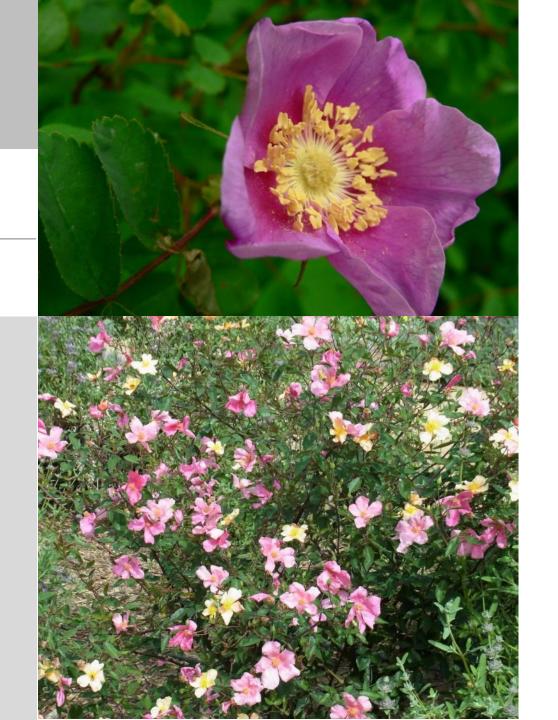


Full Sun; Part Shade

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<u>Provides</u>: Nectar source. Larval food source. Caterpillar host plant.

<u>Wildlife</u>: Bees & other insect other pollinators. Hummingbirds. Butterflies. Birds.



## Tall Oregon Grape

Mahonia aquifolium



6' x 3'



Dry; Moist



Full Sun; Part Shade; Full Shade

- State flower of Oregon
- Spreads by runners/rhizomes
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**Provides**: Nectar source

Wildlife: Bees & other insect other pollinators.

Butterflies. Beneficial insects.



## **Black Twinberry**

Lonicera involucrata



8'x 8



Dry; Moist



Full Sun; Part Shade, Shade

- Mid-late season bloomer: stays in bloom longer
- Fast growing woody shrub w/ twin forming flower and fruit
- Yellow tubular flowers arrive in pairs

<u>Provides</u>: Nectar source. Larval food source. Caterpillar host plant.

Wildlife: Bees & other insect other pollinators.



## Red Flowering Currant

Ribes sanguineum



Up to 12' x 10'



Dry; Moist



Full Sun; Part Shade

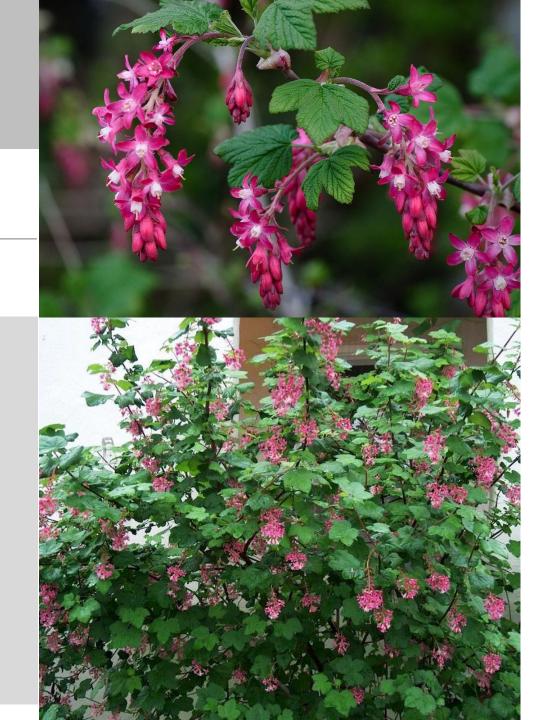
- Some of the earliest blooming flowers
- A hummingbird & butterfly favorite!
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**Provides:** Nectar source

Wildlife: Bees & other insect other pollinators.

Butterflies. Beneficial insects.

Hummingbirds



### Vine Maple

Acer circinatum



Up to 25' x 20'



Dry; Moist

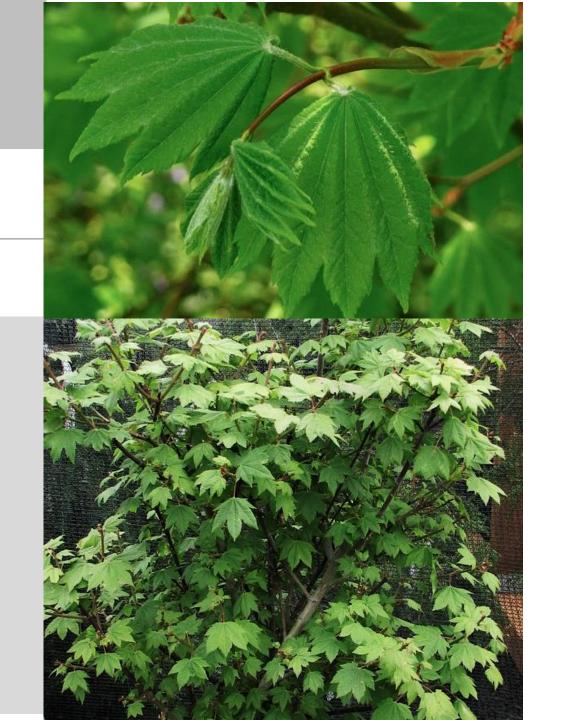


Full Sun; Part Shade; Full Shade

- Can maintain/trim for smaller stature
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<u>Provides</u>: Nectar source. Larval food source. Caterpillar host plant.

<u>Wildlife</u>: Bees & other insect other pollinators. Butterflies. Beneficial insects.



### Osoberry

Oemleria cerasiformis



Up to 15' x 8'



Dry; Moist



Full Sun; Part Shade; Full Shade

- Can be pruned for smaller stature
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<u>Provides</u>: Nectar source. Larval food source. Caterpillar host plant.

Wildlife: Bees & other insect other pollinators.

Butterflies. Hummingbirds and other birds.



### Red-Osier Dogwood

Cornus sericea



Up to 15'x 10'



Moist; Wet; Perennially Wet



Full Sun; Part Shade; Full Shade

- Seasonal interest and color all year
- Fast-growing.
- Cuttings!
- Prune back to keep a manageable size

**Provides:** Nectar source. Larval Source.

Caterpillar host plant.

Wildlife: Bees and other insect pollinators.

Butterflies. Hummingbirds.



### Douglas Fir

Pseudotsuga menziesii



50' x 30'



Dry; Moist



Full Sun; Part Shade

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<u>Provides</u>: Larval food source. Caterpillar host plant.







## Wild Ginger

Asarum caudatum



1'x 3



Moist

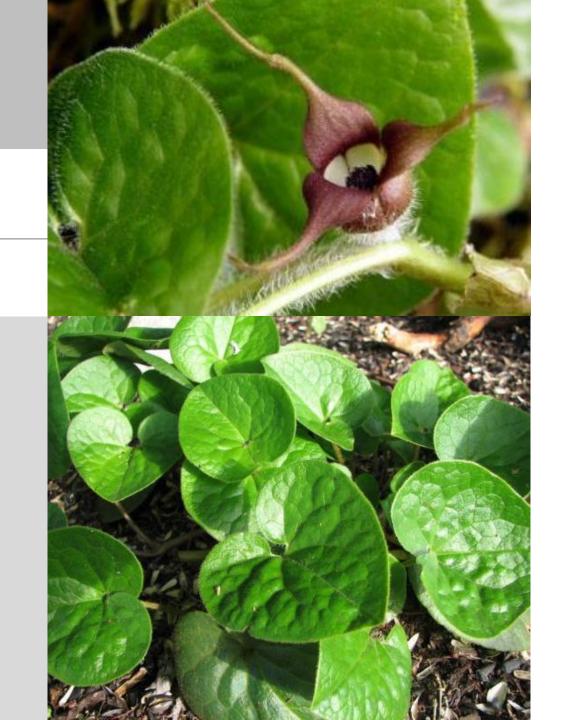


Part Shade; Full Shade

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#### **Provides:**

<u>Wildlife</u>: Pest-eating insects. Beneficial insects.







BENEFITS OF NATIVE PLANTS



WAYS TO ATTRACT
BENEFICIAL WILDLIFE



HOW TO BUILD HEALTHY SOIL



OUTDOOR WATER CONSERVATION



CAPTURE, REDIRECT, REUSE RAINFALL



MANAGE WEEDS & PESTS



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