

Preferred Plant List

When landscaping your yard or business property in Port Moody, use this Preferred Plant List as a general guide for selecting the most appropriate native plants for the area. We recommend native plants because they provide food and shelter for wildlife and are adapted to our local climate, soils, predators, pollinators, and diseases. However, not all native plants are suitable for urban gardens. The flip side includes a list of plants to avoid because they may attract bears to your yard.

When selecting your plants, remember to consider factors such as soil type, moisture conditions, sun exposure, human-wildlife interaction and wildfire risk.



Recommended for your garden

Attract birds, bees, butterflies, and other pollinators to your yard

Ground Cover and Perennials

Low or Dull Oregon Grape	<i>Mahonia nervosa</i>
False Lily of the Valley	<i>Maianthemum dilatatum</i>
Nodding Onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>
Red Columbine	<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>
Sword Fern	<i>Polystichum munitum</i>
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>

Shrubs

Baldhip Rose	<i>Rosa gymnocarpa</i>
Beaked Hazelnut	<i>Corylus cornuta</i>
Hardhack	<i>Spiraea douglasii</i>
Mock Orange	<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>
Nootka Rose	<i>Rosa nutkana</i>
Oceanspray	<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>
Pacific Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>
Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>
Tall Oregon Grape	<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>

Trees

Big Leaf Maple	<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>
Cascara	<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>
Douglas Fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>
Native Willow Species	<i>Salix ssp</i>
Pacific Dogwood	<i>Cornus nuttallii</i>
Sitka Spruce	<i>Picea Sitchensis</i>
Vine Maple	<i>Acer circinatum</i>
Western Red Cedar	<i>Thuja plicata</i>

Vines

Western Trumpet	<i>Lonicera ciliosa</i>
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Pacific Dogwood *Cornus nuttallii*



Saskatoon/Serviceberry *Amelanchier alnifolia*



Not recommended for your garden

Avoid attracting bears to your yard

Ground Cover

Lady Fern	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>
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Salal	<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>
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Sedge	<i>Carex spp</i>
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Shrubs

Indian Plum	<i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i>
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Salmonberry	<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>
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Saskatoon / Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>
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Red-osier Dogwood	<i>Cornus stolonifera</i>
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Red Flowering Currant	<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>
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Thimbleberry	<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>
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Twinberry	<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>
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Trees

Bitter Cherry	<i>Prunus emarginata</i>
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Pacific Crab Apple	<i>Malus fusca</i>
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Red Elderberry	<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>
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Sitka Mountain-ash	<i>Sorbus sitchensis</i>
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Plants listed as 'not recommended' still have ecological value and may be used in shoreline restoration or other restoration projects with appropriate oversight by qualified environmental professionals.