

# Westside Lowland Forest Ecosystem- Plant Community Lists

\*Starred plants are good key indicators for determining which type of plant community you may have. These are the most common plants found in these communities. These lists are not complete, other plants can be added to these lists with further research and some plants can live in several different communities.

<b>Forest Community</b>	
<p><b>Trees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Big leaf maple</li> <li>*Douglas fir</li> <li>Red alder</li> <li>Western hemlock</li> <li>Western red cedar</li> <li>*Vine maple</li> <li>*Hazelnut</li> <li>*Bitter cherry</li> <li>*Pacific dogwood</li> <li>Pacific yew</li> <li>Cascara</li> </ul> <p><b>Shrubs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oceanspray</li> <li>Tall Oregon grape</li> <li>Dull Oregon grape</li> <li>Red flowering currant</li> <li>Red huckleberry</li> <li>Salal</li> <li>Snowberry</li> <li>Salmonberry</li> <li>Indian plum</li> <li>Thimbleberry</li> <li>Devil's club</li> <li>Serviceberry</li> <li>Blueberry species</li> </ul>	<p><b>Groundcovers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>False lily of the valley</li> <li>False Solomon's seal</li> <li>*Foamflower</li> <li>*Pacific waterleaf</li> <li>Trillium</li> <li>Vanilla leaf</li> <li>Wild ginger</li> <li>Dull Oregon grape</li> <li>Youth-on-age</li> <li>Wood strawberry</li> <li>Violets</li> <li>Inside-out flower</li> <li>Starflower</li> <li>Meadowrue</li> </ul> <p><b>Ferns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Licorice fern</li> <li>Sword fern</li> <li>Wood fern</li> <li>Deer fern</li> <li>Oak fern</li> </ul> <p><b>Vines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Orange trumpet</li> <li>Honeysuckle</li> <li>Dewberry</li> </ul>

<b>Freshwater Wetland Community</b>
<p><b>*Emergent water plants (must be in water)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cattail</li> <li>Duckweed</li> <li>Pondweed</li> <li>Wapato</li> <li>Water smartweed</li> <li>Yellow pond lily</li> <li>Hardstem bulrush or tule</li> <li>Water parsley</li> </ul> <p><b>*Shoreline/marsh plants (in and out of water)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small fruit bulrush</li> <li>Douglas spirea</li> <li>Spikerush</li> <li>Soft rush</li> <li>Rushes (many)</li> <li>Slough sedge</li> <li>Fox sedge</li> <li>Sedges (many other)</li> <li>Swamp Lantern</li> <li>Water plantain</li> <li>Sweet gale</li> <li>White water buttercup</li> <li>Northern manna grass</li> <li>Pacific willow</li> </ul>

<b>Riparian Community</b>	
<p><b>Trees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Black cottonwood</li> <li>Western red cedar</li> <li>*Willow species</li> <li>*Sitka spruce</li> <li>*Oregon ash</li> <li>Red alder</li> <li>Vine maple</li> </ul> <p><b>Shrubs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Devil's club</li> <li>Indian plum</li> <li>*Pacific ninebark</li> <li>Black hawthorn</li> <li>Pacific crabapple</li> <li>Red elderberry</li> <li>Red osier dogwood</li> <li>Salmonberry</li> <li>Currants</li> <li>Twinberry</li> <li>Goat'sbeard</li> <li>Nootka rose</li> <li>Cluster rose</li> </ul>	<p><b>Groundcovers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bleeding heart</li> <li>*Horsetail</li> <li>Youth-on-age</li> <li>Salal</li> <li>Stinging nettle</li> <li>False lily of the valley</li> <li>Wild ginger</li> <li>Wood strawberry</li> <li>Tufted hairgrass</li> <li>Western coltsfoot</li> </ul> <p><b>Ferns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Lady fern</li> <li>*Maidenhair fern</li> <li>Sword fern</li> <li>Deer fern</li> </ul> <p><b>Vines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trumpet Honeysuckle</li> <li>Dewberry</li> </ul>

<b>Rainshadow/Prairie Community</b>	
<p><b>Trees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Pacific madrone</li> <li>Douglas fir</li> <li>Douglas maple</li> <li>*Garry oak</li> <li>Grand fir</li> <li>*Shore pine</li> <li>*Incense cedar</li> </ul> <p><b>Shrubs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evergreen huckleberry</li> <li>*Hairy manzanita</li> <li>Nootka rose</li> <li>Oceanspray</li> <li>Dull Oregon grape</li> <li>Red flowering currant</li> </ul> <p><b>Ferns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sword fern</li> <li>Deer fern</li> </ul>	<p><b>Groundcovers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kinnikinnik</li> <li>Starflower</li> <li>Twinflower</li> <li>Wood strawberry</li> </ul> <p><b>Prairies</b> (can occur in other plant communities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blue camas</li> <li>Death camas</li> <li>Nodding onion</li> <li>Red fescue</li> <li>Wild strawberry</li> <li>Yarrow</li> <li>Tiger lily</li> <li>Chocolate lily</li> <li>Tufted hairgrass</li> </ul>