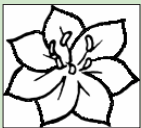


Starflower Foundation Native Plant of the Month Posters

Posters for teaching about the ecology of native plants and wildlife of the Pacific Northwest and Seattle urban area.



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Starflower Native Plant of the Month posters feature color images and text designed to introduce community members to Pacific Northwest native plants. Beyond simple identification, these posters share interesting plant facts and provide suggestions for incorporating native plants into home landscapes.

Native Plant of the Month posters spring from an expressed desire of community groups undertaking habitat restoration projects. These groups recognized the education potential of their restoration activities and sought engaging materials to teach visitors about native plants and thereby spark an interest in habitat restoration. They also wanted to capitalize on this interest to increase the number of volunteers working on their project and to encourage visitors to initiate their own restoration projects.

Originally created by Starflower Foundation for display at kiosks or shelters near the restoration site, these sixty posters are readily printed and reproduced and lend themselves to weekly, monthly, or seasonally rotating display. Naturalists and stewards of native plant landscapes can also effectively use Native Plant of the Month posters to actively involve children and adults in the long-term stewardship of native habitat.

Starflower Foundation is pleased to have supported the development and use of these materials in native plant habitats at Seattle public parks (Colman, Frink, Genesee, Greg Davis, Madrona Woods, Magnuson, Mee Kwa Mooks, Pritchard Beach, Roxhill, and Seward), and in native plant gardens and restoration projects at Seattle schools (Dearborn, Dunlap, Hawthorne, NW Montessori, Pathfinder, Roxhill, and Sanislo Elementary schools and Washington Middle School) and at the Environmental and Adventure School in Kirkland.



Western Starflower
(*Trientalis latifolia*) is a tiny woodland ground-cover, once common in Seattle forests. It's dainty flowers are born on thin stalks giving the appearance of floating woodland stars. The reintroduction of plants like these to Seattle was a primary goal of Starflower Foundation.

Native Plant of the Month Posters

Native Plant of the Month posters are a handy tool to engage neighbors and visitors in on-going restoration projects. Focused on our Pacific Northwest native plants, these sixty, 8 1/2" x 11", color posters are perfect for display in monthly or seasonal rotations at kiosks or similar locations. The posters help visitors

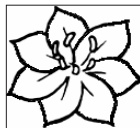
- Identify specific native plants
- Create name associations through interesting facts
- Consider ways to incorporate these plants in their landscapes
- Educate and inspire the public about native plants, hopefully leading them to active participation in restoration projects.

Featuring selected native plants at various times of the year, images designate unique characteristics helpful in identifying the plants. In addition, each poster contains two text sections. One provides brief notes, helpful on site, about the plant's, unique features, habitat value, identification characteristics, and scientific and common name. The other provides a "take-home message", by briefly discussing the plant's landscape value and suggesting how it could be used in a Pacific Northwest native plant landscape.

Groups stewarding habitat restoration projects at parks or elsewhere may find the Native Plant of the Month Posters especially useful to:

- Provide the general public an opportunity to learn about some of the native plants they are likely to notice during their park visits
- Create interest in park stewardship by helping park users appreciate native plants
- Provide a highly visible educational program that may lead visitors to take advantage of other educational outreach opportunities
- Supplement other Pacific Northwest native plant education materials and programs.

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Native Plant of the Month posters may be freely duplicated for educational purposes - not for sale. Native Plant of the Month Posters may be downloaded and printed individually from www.wnps.org. The files are intended for color printing, preferably using a laser printer to obtain the highest quality prints. Laminating the posters is recommended for long-term use in the field.

Native Plant of the Month Posters Project Development

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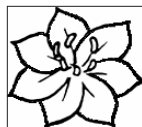
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In Memory of Ann Lennartz



Starflower Foundation was founded in 1996 by Ann Lennartz with the mission of assisting with the creation, rehabilitation and stewardship of Pacific Northwest native plant communities by supporting citizen-driven restoration and education projects that inspire understanding, appreciation and preservation of Pacific Northwest native ecosystems, with humans as an integral part of these ecosystems. Having met the founder's expectations, Starflower Foundation ceased operations in December 2007. As part of the foundation's legacy, we have made our learnings and education materials available through the Washington Native Plant Society website at www.wnps.org.

Over its 10-year history, the foundation worked on 18 urban habitat restoration projects in Seattle, Washington. A core of committed volunteers was at the center of each project with the vision of restoring an area of their neighborhood park or school grounds with Pacific Northwest native plant communities. As an operating foundation, Starflower supported design, implementation, and maintenance for these projects. During all phases of the projects, the foundation pursued a restoration strategy to fast-track the successional process and strove for a high level of native plant species diversity.

As envisioned by Ann, each project Starflower Foundation worked on included a significant educational component. These *Native Plant of the Month Posters* were created to actively involve community members, students, teachers, and project stewards in the long-term stewardship of the projects and to promote Pacific Northwest native plant landscapes and stewardship. Valuable feedback from the broad stewardship community shaped these activities and demonstrated their value.



Native Plant of the Month Posters

Click on a plant name to view its poster

Common Names

Alder, Red - Winter & Spring
Asters, Native - Summer
Birch, Paper - Fall & Winter
Bleeding Heart - Spring & Summer
Blue-eyed-grass - Winter & Spring
Bog- Laurel, Western - Spring
Camas, Common - Spring
Cedar, Western Red - Winter
Cranberry, Highbush - Fall
Devil's Club - Summer & Fall
Dewberry - Spring & Summer
Dogwood, Pacific - Spring
Dogwood, Red Osier - Winter & Spring
Elderberry, Red - Spring
Farewell-to-Spring - Spring & Summer
Fern, Bracken - Fall & Winter & Spring
Fern, Deer - Fall & Winter
Fir, Douglas - Fall & Winter
Goat'sbeard - Spring & Summer
Goldenrod, Canada - Summer
Gumweed, Entire-leaved - Summer & Fall
Hazelnut, Beaked - Winter & Spring
Horsetail, Field or Common - Spring & Summer
Huckleberry, Evergreen - Summer & Fall
Indian Plum - Spring & Summer
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Kinnikininnick - Winter & Spring
Lily, Fawn - Spring
Lupine, Arctic - Spring & Summer
Madrone, Pacific - Fall & Winter
Maple, Big Leaf - Fall
Maple, Big-Leaf - Spring
Maple, Vine - Fall & Winter
Maple, Vine - Spring
Marsh Marigold, Yellow - Winter & Spring
Mock Orange - Summer
Nettle, Cooley's Hedge - Summer
Nootka Rose - Fall & Winter
Nootka Rose - Summer
Oceanspray - Summer

Scientific Names

Alnus rubra
Aster species
Betula papyrifera
Dicentra formosa
Sisrinchium douglasii
Kamia microphylla
Camassia quamash
Thuja plicata
Viburnum edule
Oplopanax horridum
Rubus ursinus
Cornus nutallii
Cornus stolonifera (also *scericea*)
Sambucus racemosa
Clarkia amoena
Pteridium aquilinum
Blechnum spicant
Pseudotsuga menziesii
Aruncus dioicus
Solidago Canadensis
Grindelia integrifolia
Corylus cornuta var. *californica*
Equisetum arvense
Vaccinium ovatum
Oemleria cerasiformis
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Aractostaphylos uva-ursi
Erythronium oregonum
Lupinus arcticus
Arbutus menziesii
Acer macrophyllum
Acer macrophyllum
Acer circinatum
Acer circinatum
Caltha palustris var. *asarifolia*
Philadelphus lewisii
Stachys cooleyae
Rosa nutkana
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Holodiscus discolor

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Common Names

Oregon Grape, Tall - Spring
Oregon Grape, Tall - Summer & Fall
Pearly Everlasting - Summer & Fall
Red Flowering Currant - Winter & Spring
Salmonberry - Spring
Serviceberry - Spring & Summer
Siberian Miner's-Lettuce - Spring
Silk Tassel Bush - Winter & Spring
Slough Sedge - Summer & Fall
Snowberry - Fall & Winter
Swamp Lantern - Spring
Sweet Gale - Fall
Thimbleberry - Spring & Summer
Trillium - Spring
Violets, Native Wild - Spring
Water Parsley, Pacific - Spring
Wood Sorrel - Fall & Winter
Yarrow - Summer

Scientific Names

Mahonia aquifolium
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Anaphalis margaritacea
Ribes sanguineum
Rubus spectabilis
Amelanchier alnifolia
Claytonia (or Montia) sibirica
Garrya elliptica
Carex obnupta
Symphoricarpos albus
Lysichiton americanus
Myrica gale
Rubus parviflorus
Trillium ovatum
Viola species
Oenanthe sarmentosa
Oxalis oregana
Achillea millefolium