Puget Sound Chapter Washington Native Plant Society
Native Bulb Information & Culture

Allium acuminatum - Hooker’s Onion
Bloom May-June
Color Rose-colored flowers, though sometimes white
Habitat Usually in open, rocky sites, occasionally in dry to moist open forest typically growing in pockets of soil on rocky knolls and coastal headlands
Landscape Use deer and rodent resistant, thanks to their faint oniony scent Rock gardens, the front of dry perennial beds and pots
Growing Conditions. The site must be in full sun and with a sandy, draining soil
Plant Spacing 3-6 inch spacing, 1-2 inches deep

Allium geyeri var. tenerum - Geyer’s Onion
Bloom April-May
Color White to pale pink
Habitat Low meadows and along streams Likes damp, rocky meadows and slopes
Landscape Use Rock gardens, the front of dry perennial beds and pots
Growing Conditions Prefers a sunny, but moist position in a light well-drained soil
Plant Spacing 3-6 inch spacing, 1-2 inches deep

Allium unifolium - One-leaved Onion
Bloom June-July
Color Pink hues turning white
Habitat Moist soils in pine or mixed evergreen forest in the coastal ranges
Landscape Use Rock gardens, the front of dry perennial beds and pots
Growing Conditions The site must be in full sun and with a sandy, draining soil
Plant Spacing 3-6 inch spacing, 1-2 inches deep

Calochortus ‘Golden Orb’ - Golden Orb Mariposa Lily
Bloom April-June
Color Yellow
Habitat Common on sunny grassy slopes and hilltops -Has grassy foliage
Landscape Use hardy and easy to grow anywhere Great for rock gardens plant with low groundcover
Protect from slugs first year
Growing Conditions well-drained soil
Plant Spacing 3-6 inches apart, 3-4 inches deep

Camassia cusickii - Cusick’s Camas
Bloom May-June
Color pale blue flowers
Habitat steep, moist hillsides in the Snake River and Rockies
Landscape Use Beds, meadows, woodland gardens, and rock gardens grow in meadows, woodlands, borders, among shrubs, and beside water gardens 2-foot-tall stalks
Growing Conditions full sun to light shade
Plant Spacing 6-12 inches apart, 6 inches deep

Camassia leichtlinii - Great Camas
Camassia leichtlinii 'Blue Danube' - Blue Danube Great Camas
Camassia leichtlinii 'semiplena' - Double Great Camas
Bloom May-June
Color Medium to dark blue-violet flowers
Habitat Open seasonally wet to dry grasslands
Landscape Use Good fresh cut flower Mass, add to perennial border or naturalized garden
May also be utilized as a perimeter plant for a water garden or pond
Flower meadows, amidst grasses and wildflowers
Growing Conditions Full sun to part shade Easily grown in most soils in full sun to part shade
Flowers best in full sun. Prefers a moist, fertile, acidic, somewhat heavy soil
Plant Spacing 6-12 inches apart, 6-8 inches deep

Camassia quamash - Common Camas
Camassia quamash 'Blue Melody' - Blue Melody Common Camas
Camassia quamash 'Blue Melody' - Blue Melody Common Camas
Camassia quamash 'Orion' - Orion Common Camas
Bloom May-June
Color Pale to deep blue-violet
Habitat Meadows and grassy bluffs in soil pockets on rock outcrops, prairies, and open areas
Landscape Use lowest growing species meadow wildflower in gardens effective grown in dense drifts sunny perennial bed
Growing Conditions Receiving sun or light shade Garden soil is best but the plant tolerates wet, soggy soil
Plant Spacing 6-12 inch spacing, 4-5 inches deep

Dichelostemma congesta - Compact Harvest Lily
Bloom May-June
Color Lavender to bluish purple
Habitat Open woodland and grassland
Landscape Use long-lasting cut flower and an enduring perennial
Growing Conditions The site must be in full sun and with a sandy, draining soil
Plant Spacing 3-6 inches apart, 3 inches deep

Erythronium oreganum - White Fawn Lily
Erythronium x 'Pagoda' - Pagoda Fawn Lily
Bloom April-May
Color white
Habitat moist springtime meadows (on gravelly or alluvial soils) and moist woods
Landscape Use meadow plants for naturalized yards, especially if established in dense drifts Protect from slugs first year
Growing Conditions well drained soils shady sites
Plant Spacing 6-12 inches apart, 6 inches deep

Fritillaria affinis (lanceolata) - Chocolate Lily, Checker Lily
Fritillaria affinis 'Vancouver Island' - Vancouver Island Chocolate Lily
Fritillaria camshatensis - Black Lily
Bloom April-May
Color brownish-purple flowers are mottled with greenish yellow
Habitat found in damp to dry open woodlands and meadows in woodlands, prairies and grassy bluffs to woodland and conifer forest from near sea level to above 5,000 feet
Landscape Use scent of chocolate Protect from slugs and burrowing rodents first year
Growing Conditions They should be grown in well-drained, organic soil in a sunny or lightly shaded location
Plant Spacing 6 inches apart, 4-6 inches deep

Iris douglasiana - Douglas Iris
Bloom March–May
Color Pale lavender to Blue
HabitatGrows naturally along coastal zones, usually within sight of the ocean; it is common on bluffs and treeless grassy hillsides. It sometimes extends farther inland in areas where human activity has opened forests to abundant sunlight. grassy areas and slopes, open fields
Landscape Use large evergreen clumps
Growing Conditions sun or part shade with ordinary soil and good drainage
Plant Spacing one foot apart, plant rhizomes just under the soil surface

Iris setosa - Alaska Iris
Bloom May-June
Color purple with a yellow blotch
Habitat open sunny places, often near run-off or streams
Landscape Use evergreen clumps, possible pond-side but not inundated
Growing Conditions sun or part shade with ordinary soil and good drainage, but not dry
Plant Spacing 6-12 inches apart, plant rhizome just under the soil surface

Romanzoffia tracyi - Tracy's Mistmaiden
Bloom March-May
Color White
Habitat Adapted to shady crevices misted by waterfalls and salt spray Coastal bluffs
Landscape Use Plant among rocks or low non-competitive groundcovers
Growing Conditions Shady, moist sites Well draining soil
Plant Spacing 3-6 inches apart, plant corms just under the surface

Sagittaria latifolia
Bloom Summer
Color White
Habitat common on the edges of lakes and streams in wet areas
Landscape Use Will form large colonies in sun to part shade
Growing Conditions Needs year round moisture Can be grown in pots in ponds, if the top of the soil is above water level Protect from slugs the first year
Ducks, geese and other rooters relish the edible tubers
Plant Spacing 6 inch spacing, plant bulbs with the neck just above soil level

Trillium ovatum - Western Trillium
Bloom March-April
Color White
Habitat common in the damp forest regions along the coast of the Pacific Northwest
Landscape Use Will form large colonies, forest gardens, shade gardens
Growing Conditions Needs shade and rich humus soil Protect from slugs the first year
Plant Spacing 12 inch spacing, 6-8 inches deep

Triteleia hyacinthina - Hyacinth Brodeia
Bloom June
Color Creamy white, often with a pale blue or greenish stripe on the petal midvein
Habitat Grassy, often rocky open flats found in wet places, meadows and slopes
Landscape Use plant with grasses Rock gardens, the front of dry perennial beds and pots
Growing Conditions Easy in most soils, may self-seed Sunny site
Plant Spacing 3-6 inches apart, 3 inches deep

Triteleia laxa - Hyacinth Brodeia
Bloom June
Color Blue
Habitat California native, of open grasslands
Landscape Use Wildflower borders, mixed with grasses in sun
Growing Conditions Full sun and well drained soils
Plant Spacing 3 inches apart, 3 inches deep

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