Native Plants for Freshwater Shoreline and Riparian Habitats

**Abies grandis**  
Grand Fir  
*Abies grandis* is a tall, straight tree with short, dense branches.  
Height: 130-260 feet (40-80 meters). Leaves evergreen.

**Acer circinatum**  
Vine Maple  
Tall, erect, multi-trunked shrub or small tree with sprawling branches.  
Height: 13-26 feet (4-8 meters) Leaves deciduous.

**Achlys triphylla**  
Vanilla Leaf  
Grows low to the ground, spreading by rhizomes to form dense ground cover in shady areas.  
Height: To 12 inches (30 cm) tall. Leaves deciduous.

**Adiantum aleuticum**  
Maidenhair Fern, Aleutian maidenhair, western maidenhair, serpentine maidenhair  
Small to medium-sized delicate, deciduous fern with a fan-shaped arrangement of five to seven fingerlike branchlets each bearing many toothed leaflets.  
Height: 6-43 inches (15-110 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Alisma plantago-aquatica**  
Broadleaf Water-Plantain  
A terminal cluster of small white flowers sits above a tall leafless stem. It grows in marshy or semi-aquatic environments.  
Height: up to 48 inches (120 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Alnus rubra**  
Red Alder  
A fast-growing deciduous tree well suited to disturbed sites.  
Height: Up to 80 feet (25 meters). Leaves deciduous.

**Aquilegia formosa**  
Red Columbine  
Delicate perennial with large nodding, star-shaped, spurred flowers that are a favorite of hummingbirds.  
Height: Can grow up to 3 feet (1 meter) tall. Leaves deciduous.
**Armeria maritima**  
*Sea-thrift.*  
Round balls of pink flowers held on slender leafless stems above a cluster of grass-like leaves.  
Height: Up to 18 inches (45 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Aruncus dioicus**  
*Goat's Beard*  
Tall perennial herb topped with large feathery clusters of white flowers, grows from rhizomes and has multiple stems.  
Height: Can grow up to 6.5 feet (2 meters) tall. Leaves deciduous.

**Asarum caudatum**  
*Wild Ginger*  
Low-growing evergreen perennial that smells strongly of lemon-ginger when crushed.  
Height: Can grow up to 8 inches (20 cm) tall. Leaves deciduous.

**Aster chilensis**  
*Common California Aster*  
A slender, sprawling perennial that produces light purple flowers.  
Height: Can grow up to 3 ft. (100 cm.) Leaves deciduous.

**Aster modestus**  
*Great Northern Aster*  
A tall, much-branched perennial with numerous heads of purplish flowers.  
Height: Grows up to 40 inches (100 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Aster subspicatus**  
*Douglas Aster*  
Rhizomatous perennial wildflower with much-branched stems and light purple aster-like flower heads.  
Height: Grows up to 32 inches (80 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Athyrium filix-femina**  
*Lady Fern*  
Tall, delicate, light-green fronds from a basal cluster.  
Height: Grows 3-6 feet (2 meters) tall. Leaves deciduous.

**Betula glandulosa**  
*Bog Birch*  
Spreading, small-branched perennial shrub of bogs and wet areas.  
Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters) tall; usually shorter. Leaves deciduous.
**Betula papyrifera**  
**Paper Birch**  
A small to medium sized deciduous tree with attractive white, peeling papery bark.  
Height: Up to 100 feet (30 meters). Leaves deciduous.

**Boykinia occidentalis**  
**Slender Boykinia**  
A slender herb with open panicles of small white flowers.  
Height: Up to 24 inches (60 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Caltha biflora**  
**Marsh Marigold**  
Perennial herb with large white flowers held above broadly rounded leaves; grows in wet subalpine meadows.  
Height: 16 inches (40 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Caltha palustris**  
**yellow marsh marigold**  
Large yellow flowers top this creeping, perennial, semi-aquatic herb.  
Height: Up to 16 inches (40 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Camassia leitchlinii**  
**Great Camas**  
Stately perennial from a deep bulb, producing spikes of large blue flowers in early spring.  
Height: Up to 28 inches (70 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Carex obnupta**  
**Slough Sedge**  
Large grass-like plant creating thick patches in coastal wetlands.  
Height: 1-5 feet (30-150 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Castilleja miniata**  
**Red Paintbrush**  
An attractive wildflower with red brush-like flower clusters.  
Height: 8-32 inches (20-80 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Chamerion angustifolium**  
**Fireweed**  
Tall perennial from rhizome like roots with unbranched stem and terminal spikes of large red to pink flowers.  
Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters), but usually shorter than 6 feet (2 meters). Leaves deciduous.
**Claytonia sibirica**  
Siberian Spring Beauty  
Low-growing delicate herb.  
Height: Up to 16 inches (40 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Cornus nuttallii**  
Western Flowering Dogwood  
Multi-branched, irregular trees with attractive large white "flowers".  
Height: Up to 65 feet (20 meters) tall. Leaves deciduous.

**Cornus stolonifera**  
Red-osier Dogwood  
Spreading, thicket-forming shrub with bright red stems.  
Height: Up to 20 feet (6 meters). Leaves deciduous.

**Corylus cornuta**  
Beaked Hazelnut  
Slender, multi-trunked deciduous shrub.  
Height: 3 feet - 13 feet (1 meter - 4 meters). Leaves deciduous.

**Crataegus douglasii**  
black hawthorn  
Large shrub or small tree with clusters of white flowers and dark purplish-black berries. Leaves deciduous.

**Deschampsia cespitosa**  
Tufted Hairgrass  
Densely tufted perennial grass.  
Height: Up to 4 feet (120 cm) tall. Leaves deciduous.

**Dicentra formosa**  
Bleeding Heart  
Hairless, soft stems and light green lacy leaves overtopped by small nodding clusters of pink heart-shaped flowers.  
Height: Up to 1.5 feet (50 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Dodecatheon hendersonii**  
Henderson's Shooting Star  
Leafless stems topped with nodding star-shaped pink flowers. This is our only shooting star with oval leaves.  
Height: Up to 1.5 feet (50 cm). Leaves deciduous.
**Eleocharis palustris**  
**Creeping Spikerush**  
A wetland plant with leafless, grass-like stems topped by small brownish spikes of flowers.  
Height: Up to 3 feet (100 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Epilobium watsonii**  
**Watson’s Willowherb**  
Erect herbaceous perennial with opposite leaves.  
Height: Up to 5 feet (150 cm). Leaves evergreen.

**Equisetum arvense**  
**Field Horsetail**  
Succulent, hollow, jointed stems with whorls of branches.  
Height: 6-24 inches (15-60 cm). Leaves evergreen.

**Equisetum telmatiea**  
**Giant Horsetail**  
More robust and larger than common horsetail. Sheaths around its sterile stems have 14-18 teeth.  
Height: 3-7.5 (10) feet tall; 1-2.3 (3) meters tall. Leaves deciduous.

**Erigeron philadelphicus**  
**Philadelphia Fleabane**  
Short-lived perennial with erect stem-base and taproot or fibrous roots.  
Height: Up to 2.25 feet (70 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Erythronium revolutum**  
**Pink fawn lily**  
Large nodding pink flowers grow from a thick and segmented corm.  
Height: Up to 14 inches (35 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Festuca rubra**  
**Red Fescue**  
Perennial grass with thread-like leaves forming small patches.  
Height: Can grow up to 4 feet (1.2 meters) tall. Leaves evergreen.

**Fraxinus latifolia**  
**Oregon Ash**  
Tough-wooded tree with gray bark and compound leaflets arranged oppositely around twigs.  
Height: Up to 82 feet (25 meters). Leaves deciduous.
**Fritillaria lanceolata**  
Chocolate Lily, Rice Root  
Rare herb to 80 cm tall from bulb with numerous rice-like bulblets; flowers are mottled maroon and yellow.  
Height: Up to 32 inches (80 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Galium trifidum**  
Small Bedstraw  
Sprawling perennial with numerous stems from slender rhizomes.  
Height: up to 28 inches (70 cm). Leaves evergreen.

**Geum macrophyllum**  
Large-leaved Avens  
Hairy perennial with short rhizomes and big leaves topped by small yellow flowers.  
Height: Up to 3 feet (1 meters). Leaves deciduous.

**Glyceria elata**  
Tall Mannagrass, Fowl Mannagrass  
Tall wetland grass.  
Height: Up to 5 feet (1.5 meters). Leaves deciduous.

**Glyceria grandis**  
Reed Mannagrass  
very similar to G. elata  
Height: up to 5 feet (1.5 meters) Leaves evergreen.

**Gymnocarpium dryopteris**  
Oak Fern  
Delicate, deciduous fronds. Usually solitary, but often forms a mat of herbaceous cover in forests.  
Height: To 16 inches (40 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Heuchera micrantha**  
Small-flowered Alumroot  
Grows from rhizomes with one to many flower stems that are reddish and covered with fine hairs and topped with delicate panicles of tiny white flowers.  
Height: Up to 2 feet (60 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Hordeum brachyantherum**  
Meadow Barley  
Grass with erect stems that are bent at the base and sometimes hairy on the leaf sheaths.  
Height: Up to 3 feet (90 cm). Leaves deciduous.
**Juncus acuminatus**  
*Tapertip Rush*  
Tufted perennial grass-like plant.  
Height: Up to 32 inches (80 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Juncus ensifolius**  
*Daggerleaf Rush*  
Height: Can grow up to 2 feet (60 cm) tall. Leaves deciduous.

**Kalmia microphylla ssp. occidentalis**  
*Bog Laurel*  
Small, slender-branched shrub with dark green waxy leaves and clusters of bright pink flowers.  
Height: Up to 3 feet (1 meter). Leaves deciduous.

**Ledum groenlandicum**  
*Labrador Tea*  
Evergreen, branching shrub with rusty-hairy leaf undersides and white flowers.  
Height: Up to 5 feet (1.5 meters). Leaves deciduous.

**Linnaea borealis**  
*Twinflower*  
Trailing, slender, semi-woody, with short erect leafy stems and dainty bell-shaped flowers.  
Height: 4 inches (10 cm). Leaves evergreen.

**Lonicera involucrata**  
*Twinberry*  
Tall shrub with opposite leaves and pairs of small yellow flowers in leaf axils.  
Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters tall). Leaves deciduous.

**Lupinus polyphyllus**  
*Large-leaved Lupine*  
A large perennial native forb with spikes of blue flowers from one to many hairy stems.  
Height: 3-6 feet (1-2 meters). Leaves deciduous.

**Lysichiton americanum**  
*Skunk Cabbage*  
A wetland plant with very large waxy erect leaves and yellow flower spikes enclosed in a large yellow sheath.  
Height: 1-5 feet (30-150 cm). Leaves deciduous.
**Malus fusca**  
Pacific Crabapple  
Small tree, slender in form, appears thorny; bushy in the open.  
Height: 16.5-40 feet (5-12 meters). Leaves deciduous.

**Mentha arvensis**  
Field Mint  
A wild mint with small groups of light purple flowers in the leaf axils.  
Leaves deciduous.

**Mimulus guttatus**  
Yellow Monkey-flower  
Large yellow tubular flowers top this deciduous-leaved wetland perennial.  
Leaves deciduous.

**Mimulus lewisii**  
Pink Monkey-flower  
A clump forming perennial with large pinkish-red flowers.  
Leaves deciduous.

**Myrica californica**  
Pacific Wax Myrtle  
Tall shrub with small evergreen leaves.  
Height: Up to 15 feet (5 meters) tall. Leaves evergreen.

**Oemleria cerasiformis**  
Indian Plum, Osoberry  
Deciduous shrub producing clusters of white flowers in very early spring. One of the earliest plants to bloom.  
Height: 16.5 feet (5 meters). Leaves deciduous.

**Oenanthe sarmentosa**  
Pacific Water Parsley  
Semi-aquatic, often reclining or scrambling herb, with stem tips ascending or curled and small flat-topped clusters of white flowers.  
Height: Up to 40 inches (1 meter). Leaves deciduous.

**Oplopanax horridus**  
Devil's Club  
An erect to sprawling shrub with thick, spiny, crooked stems and very large leaves.  
Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters). Leaves deciduous.
**Penstemon serrulatus**  
Coast Penstemon  
Perennial, sprawling sub-shrub from a woody stem base, with large purple tubular flowers at stem tips.  
Height: 8-28 inches (20-70 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Petasites palmatus**  
Palmate Coltsfoot  
Many-stemmed perennial with umbrella-like leaves from creeping rhizomes.  
Height: Up to 30 inches (80 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Physocarpus capitatus**  
Pacific Ninebark  
Erect to spreading shrub up to 4 meters tall with clusters of white flowers.  
Height: Up to 13 feet (4 meters). Leaves deciduous.

**Picea sitchensis**  
Sitka spruce  
Large tree with horizontal branches and drooping branchlets  
Height: Up to 200 feet (60 meters) tall. Leaves evergreen.

**Pinus contorta**  
Shore Pine  
Short pine tree, often with crooked trunk and bushy habit.  
Height: Up to 100 feet (30 meters). Leaves evergreen.

**Platanthera dilatata**  
White Rein-Orchid, Bog Candle  
Perennial orchid with spikes of white flowers from tuber-like roots.  
Height: Up to 28 inches (70 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Populus balsamifera**  
Black Cottonwood  
Leaves deciduous.

**Potentilla anserina ssp. pacifica**  
Silverweed  
Low growing hairy herb with runners and solitary yellow flowers.  
Height: Up to 16 inches (40 cm). Leaves deciduous.
**Potentilla gracilis**  
*Graceful Cinquefoil*  
Light green herb with toothed palmate leaves and diffuse panicles of yellow, saucer-shaped flowers.  
Height: Up to 32 inches (80 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Potentilla palustris**  
*Marsh Cinquefoil*  
Perennial from long, creeping, often floating, somewhat woody rhizomes, with small maroon flowers.  
Height: Up to 3 feet (1 meter). Leaves deciduous.

**Prunus emarginata var. mollis**  
*Bitter Cherry*  
Shrub or small tree with white flowers and small red cherries.  
Height: Up to 50 feet (15 meters). Leaves deciduous.

**Pteridium aquilinum**  
*Bracken Fern*  
Rhizomous perennial fern with large, much-divided solitary fronds,  
Height: Usually 3-6 feet (1-2 meters) tall, sometimes taller. Leaves deciduous.

**Rhamnus purshiana**  
*Cascara*  
Erect, tall shrub or small tree with alternate leaves and inconspicuous flower clusters.  
Height: Up to 33 feet (10 meters). Leaves deciduous.

**Ribes lacustre**  
*Black Gooseberry*  
Erect to spreading shrub with spiny stems.  
Height: Up to 6.5 feet (2 meters). Leaves deciduous.

**Rorippa palustris**  
*Bog Yellowcress*  
Leaves deciduous.

**Rosa nutkana**  
*Nootka Rose*  
Spindly shrub with a pair of prickles at the base of each leaf and large pink rose flowers.  
Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters). Leaves deciduous.
**Rosa pisocarpa**
*Swamp Rose*
Thicket forming shrub with spiny stems and clusters of pink rose flowers. Leaves deciduous.

**Rubus spectabilis**
*Salmonberry*
Erect and branching shrub with early spring pink flowers and reddish-orange raspberry-like fruits. Height: Up to 13 feet (4 meters). Leaves deciduous.

**Sagittaria latifolia**
*Wapato, Arrowhead*
Tall semi-aquatic perennial of marshes or lake margins, with large arrowhead shaped leaves and small white flowers. Height: 3 feet (90 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Salix lucida**
*Pacific Willow*
Leaves deciduous.

**Salix piperi**
*Piper's Willow*
Leaves deciduous.

**Salix sitchensis**
*Sitka Willow*
Leaves deciduous.

**Sambucus racemosa**
*Red Elderberry*
Shrub to small tree with clusters of small white flowers and red berries. Height: 20 feet (6 meters). Leaves deciduous.

**Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani**
*Softstem Bulrush*
Leaves deciduous.
**Scirpus maritimus**  
Seacoast Bulrush  
Leaves deciduous.

**Scirpus microcarpus**  
Small-flowered Bulrush  
Leaves deciduous.

**Sisyrinchium californicum**  
Golden-eyed Grass  
A small iris-like plant with yellow flowers.  
Height: 16 inches (40 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Sisyrinchium idahoense**  
Blue-eyed Grass  
A small clump-forming iris-like plant with small blue flowers.  
Height: 28 inches (40 cm). Leaves deciduous.

**Sium suave**  
Water-parsnip  
Leaves deciduous.

**Spiraea douglasii**  
Douglas' Spirea  
Leaves deciduous.

**Stachys cooleyae**  
Cooley's Hedge Nettle  
Perennial from rhizomes.  
Height: Up to 5 feet (1.5 meters). Leaves deciduous.

**Streptopus amplexifolius**  
Clasping Twisted Stalk  
Perennial herb with a branched zigzagging stem and dangling white flowers.  
Height: 3 feet (1 meter). Leaves deciduous.
Symphoricarpos albus
Snowberry
Erect shrub with attractive white berries that persist through the winter. Height: Up to 6.5 feet (2 meters). Leaves deciduous.

Tellima grandiflora
Fringecup
Leaves deciduous.

Thuja plicata
Western Red Cedar
Large conifer with branches that droop and then turn back up (J-shaped), broad crowns. Height: 100-230 feet (30-70 meters). Leaves evergreen.

Tiarella trifoliata
Foamflower
Herb with erect or ascending stems and spikes of dainty white flowers. Height: 2 feet (60 cm). Leaves deciduous.

Trillium ovatum
Western Trillium
Short stout stems topped with a whorl of three leaves and a single large white flower. Height: 12-18 inches (30-45 cm). Leaves deciduous.

Tsuga mertensiana
Mountain Hemlock
Slow growing evergreen conifer. Height: Up to 40 meters (130 ft) tall, but often shorter. Leaves evergreen.

Typha latifolia
Broad-leaved Cattail
A tall wetland plant with long, erect sword-like leaves and dense brown flower spikes. Leaves deciduous.

Viburnum edule
High Bush Cranberry
Shrub with bright red berries and brilliant fall foliage. Height: 3-9 feet (1-3 meters) tall. Leaves deciduous.