Native Plants for Wet Areas

**Acer circinatum**  
**Vine Maple**  
Tall, erect, multi-trunked shrub or small tree with sprawling branches.  
Favors well drained moist to wet soils.  
Height: 13-26 feet (4-8 meters)

**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.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.  
Height: up to 48 inches (120 cm).

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

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

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

**Aster subspicatus**  
**Douglas Aster**  
Rhizomatous perennial wildflower with much-branched stems and light purple aster-like flower heads.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.  
Height: Grows up to 32 inches (80 cm).
Athyrium filix-femina
Lady Fern
Tall, delicate, light-green fronds from a basal cluster.
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.
Height: Grows 3-6 feet (2 meters) tall.

Betula glandulosa
Bog Birch
Spreading, small-branched perennial shrub of bogs and wet areas.
Preferred moisture levels: wet.
Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters) tall; usually shorter.

Caltha biflora
Marsh Marigold
Perennial herb with large white flowers held above broadly rounded leaves; grows in wet subalpine meadows.
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.
Height: 16 inches (40 cm).

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

Camassia quamash
Common Camas
Bulbous perennial producing a spike of large blue flowers.
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.
Height: Up to 28 inches (70 cm).

Carex cusickii
Cusick's Sedge
A woodland sedge with grass-like leaves and small clusters of tiny greenish flowers.
Preferred moisture levels: wet.

Carex obnupta
Slough Sedge
Large grass-like plant creating thick patches in coastal wetlands.
Preferred moisture levels: wet.
Height: 1-5 feet (30-150 cm).
**Cornus stolonifera**  
**Red-osier Dogwood**  
Spreading, thicket-forming shrub with bright red stems.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.  
Height: Up to 20 feet (6 meters).

**Dryopteris expansa**  
**Spiny Wood Fern**  
A semi-evergreen fern of woodland areas with triangular fronds from a stout rhizome.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.  
Height: To 3 feet (1 meter) tall.

**Eleocharis palustris**  
**Creeping Spikerush**  
A wetland plant with leafless, grass-like stems topped by small brownish spikes of flowers.  
Prefers flooded conditions.  
Height: Up to 3 feet (100 cm).

**Equisetum arvense**  
**Field Horsetail**  
Succulent, hollow, jointed stems with whorls of branches.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.  
Height: 6-24 inches (15-60 cm).

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

**Eriophorum chamissonis**  
**Chamisso’s Cotton-grass**  
Extensive beds growing from spreading rhizomes or stolons with tufts of cotton-like seed heads.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.  
Height: 8-28 inches (20-70 cm).

**Erythronium revolutum**  
**Pink fawn lily**  
Large nodding pink flowers grow from a thick and segmented corm.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.  
Height: Up to 14 inches (35 cm).
**Fraxinus latifolia**  
**Oregon Ash**  
Tough-wooded tree with gray bark and compound leaflets arranged oppositely around twigs. Prefers to be near streams or areas that flood. Height: Up to 82 feet (25 meters).

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

**Geum macrophyllum**  
**Large-leaved Avens**  
Hairy perennial with short rhizomes and big leaves topped by small yellow flowers. Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist. Height: Up to 3 feet (1 meters).

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

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

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

**Iris tenax**  
**Oregon Iris**  
Clumped, perennial iris with large purple flowers. Prefers areas that are wet in spring and dry in summer. Height: Up to 16 inches (40 cm).
**Juncus acuminatus**  
*Tapertip Rush*  
Tufted perennial grass-like plant.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet.  
Height: Up to 32 inches (80 cm).

**Juncus ensifolius**  
*Daggerleaf Rush*  
Preferred moisture levels: wet.  
Height: Can grow up to 2 feet (60 cm) tall.

**Juncus tenuis**  
*Slender Rush*  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.

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

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

**Lonicera involucrata**  
*Twinberry*  
Tall shrub with opposite leaves and pairs of small yellow flowers in leaf axils.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.  
Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters tall).

**Lupinus polyphyllus**  
*Large-leaved Lupine*  
A large perennial native forb with spikes of blue flowers from one to many hairy stems.  
Moist to wet.  
Height: 3-6 feet (1-2 meters).
**Lysichiton americanum**  
**Skunk Cabbage**  
A wetland plant with very large waxy erect leaves and yellow flower spikes enclosed in a large yellow sheath.  
Prefers wet habitat.  
Height: 1-5 feet (30-150 cm).

**Malus fusca**  
**Pacific Crabapple**  
Small tree, slender in form, appears thorny; bushy in the open.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.  
Height: 16.5-40 feet (5-12 meters).

**Mentha arvensis**  
**Field Mint**  
A wild mint with small groups of light purple flowers in the leaf axils.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.

**Menyanthes trifoliata**  
**Buckbean**  
White, curly-haired flowers and large trifoliate leaves decorate this patch-forming plant found in shallow water.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet.

**Mimulus guttatus**  
**Yellow Monkey-flower**  
Large yellow tubular flowers top this deciduous-leaved wetland perennial.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet.

**Myrica gale**  
**Sweet Gale**  
Preferred moisture levels: wet.

**Nuphar luteum ssp. polysepalum**  
**Yellow Pond-Lily**  
An aquatic water lily with large, round, floating leaves and fleshy, yellow flowers held at the water surface.  
Aquatic, grows in shallow water.
**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.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet.  
Height: Up to 40 inches (1 meter).

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

**Physocarpus capitatus**  
Pacific Ninebark  
Erect to spreading shrub up to 4 meters tall with clusters of white flowers.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.  
Height: Up to 13 feet (4 meters).

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

**Populus balsamifera**  
Black Cottonwood  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.

**Populus tremuloides**  
Quaking Aspen  
Deciduous thicket-forming tree with smooth white bark and leaves that "quake" in the wind.  
Can tolerate a wide range of moisture levels.

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

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

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

**Ranunculus sceleratus**  
*Cursed Buttercup*  
A much-branched herb of wet areas, with tiny yellow flowers.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet.

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

**Rorippa palustris**  
*Bog Yellowcress*  
Preferred moisture levels: wet.

**Rosa pisocarpa**  
*Swamp Rose*  
Thicket forming shrub with spiny stems and clusters of pink rose flowers.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.
**Rubus spectabilis**  
**Salmonberry**  
Erect and branching shrub with early spring pink flowers and reddish-orange raspberry-like fruits.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.  
Height: Up to 13 feet (4 meters).

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

**Salix lucida**  
**Pacific Willow**  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.

**Salix piperi**  
**Piper's Willow**  
Preferred moisture levels: wet.

**Salix sitchensis**  
**Sitka Willow**  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.

**Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani**  
**Softstem Bulrush**  
Preferred moisture levels: wet.

**Scirpus maritimus**  
**Seacoast Bulrush**  
Preferred moisture levels: wet.

**Scirpus microcarpus**  
**Small-flowered Bulrush**  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.
**Sisyrinchium californicum**  
Golden-eyed Grass  
A small iris-like plant with yellow flowers.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.  
Height: 16 inches (40 cm).

**Sisyrinchium idahoense**  
Blue-eyed Grass  
A small clump-forming iris-like plant with small blue flowers.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.  
Height: 28 inches (40 cm).

**Sium suave**  
Water-parsnip  
Preferred moisture levels: wet.

**Sparganium angustifolium**  
Narrowleaf Bur-reed  
Preferred moisture levels: wet.

**Sparganium eurycarpum**  
Broadfruit Bur-reed  
Preferred moisture levels: wet.

**Spiraea douglasii**  
Douglas' Spirea  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.

**Thuja plicata**  
Western Red Cedar  
Large conifer with branches that droop and then turn back up (J-shaped), broad crowns.  
Can establish in drier sites with rich soils.  
Height: 100-230 feet (30-70 meters).

**Trillium ovatum**  
Western Trillium  
Short stout stems topped with a whorl of three leaves and a single large white flower.  
Preferred moisture levels: wet, moist.  
Height: 12-18 inches (30-45 cm).
**Typha latifolia**
**Broad-leaved Cattail**
A tall wetland plant with long, erect sword-like leaves and dense brown flower spikes. Preferred moisture levels: wet.

**Vaccinium oxycoccus**
**Bog Cranberry**
Creeping perennial of peat bogs, producing pink flowers and dark red cranberries. Preferred moisture levels: wet.