Native Plants for Dry Areas

**Abies grandis**
**Grand Fir**
*Abies grandis* is a tall, straight tree with short, dense branches.
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.
Height: 130-260 feet (40-80 meters).

**Acer macrophyllum**
**Big-leaf Maple**
A tree with a large, often multi-stemmed trunk and a loose, broad crown of large leaves.
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.
Height: 65-100 feet (20-30 meters) tall with trunk 3-5 feet (1-1.5 meters) diameter.

**Achillea millefolium**
**Yarrow**
Aromatic herb with delicate fern-like leaves and flat-topped clusters of white flowers.
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.
Height: 4 inches to 3 feet (10-100 cm).

**Allium acuminatum**
**Taper-Tip Onion**
This native wild onion has grass-like basal leaves overtopped by umbels of purple flowers, and egg-shaped bulbs containing a fibrous network on the surface.
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.
Height: Up to 12 inches (30 cm).

**Allium cernuum**
**Nodding Onion**
Clusters of long grass-like leaves overtopped by nodding umbels of pink flowers.
Preferred moisture levels: dry.
Height: Up to 20 inches (50 cm).

**Amelanchier alnifolia**
**Serviceberry, Saskatoon**
Medium-sized shrub producing fragrant white flowers in late spring.
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.
Height: Up to 15 feet (4.5 meters).
**Anaphalis margaritacea**  
**Pearly Everlasting**  
Clump forming, perennial herb with small withering basal leaves and papery white flower clusters. Preferred moisture levels: dry.  
Height: Up to 40 inches (100 cm).

**Arbutus menziesii**  
**Madrone**  
An attractive broadleaf evergreen with a twisting reddish trunk and irregular branches with an overall rounded outline.  
Prefers drier, shallow soils.  
Height: Up to 100 feet (30 meters).

**Arctostaphylos uva-ursi**  
**Kinnikinnick, Bearberry**  
A mat-forming evergreen shrub producing lovely pink flowers that later turn into red berries. Preferred moisture levels: dry.  
Height: Can grow up to 8 inches (20 cm) tall.

**Brodiaea congesta**  
**Harvest Lily**  
Long slender stems to 3 feet (1 meter) in length topped by a dense cluster of deep purple flowers. Prefers drier soils.  
Height: Up to 3 feet (1 meter) tall.

**Camassia leitchlinii**  
**Great Camas**  
Stately perennial from a deep bulb, producing spikes of large blue flowers in early spring. Needs moist soil in winter and spring, then dry in summer.  
Height: Up to 28 inches (70 cm).

**Ceanothus velutinus**  
**Snowbrush**  
A tall shrub with glossy leaves and clusters of white flowers. Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.  
Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters).

**Cerastium arvense**  
**Field Chickweed**  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.
**Chamerion angustifolium**  
Fireweed  
Tall perennial from rhizome like roots with unbranched stem and terminal spikes of large red to pink flowers.  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.  
Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters), but usually shorter than 6 feet (2 meters).

**Clarkia amoena**  
Farewell to Spring  
A taprooted annual with large showy, usually pink flowers; often grown horticulturally.  
Preferred moisture levels: dry.  
Height: 4 inches to 3 feet (10-100 cm).

**Elymus glaucus**  
Blue Wild-rye  
Tufted perennial grass usually forming small clumps, 0.5 to 1.5 m tall.  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.  
Height: 20-40 inches (0.5-1 meter).

**Epilobium brachycarpum**  
Tall Annual Willowherb  
Taprooted annual of dry, gravelly or disturbed sites.  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.  
Height: 1-4 feet (30-120 cm) tall.

**Erigeron philadelphicus**  
Philadelphia Fleabane  
Short-lived perennial with erect stem-base and taproot or fibrous roots.  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.  
Height: Up to 2.25 feet (70 cm).

**Eriophyllum lanatum**  
Woolly Sunflower  
Wooly leafy perennial with yellow daisy-like flowers.  
Preferred moisture levels: dry.  
Height: Up to 2 feet (60 cm).

**Fragaria chiloensis**  
Coastal Strawberry  
Spreads low across ground with runners. White flowers and small red strawberries. Never found far from the sea.  
Height: Up to 10 inches (25 cm).
**Galium aparine**  
*Cleavers, Bedstraw*  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.

**Gaultheria shallon**  
*Salal*  
Creeping to erect shrub with hairy branching stems and dark leathery leaves.  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.  
Height: Up to 16 feet (5 meters) in exceptional cases but typically 3-7 feet (1-2 m) tall.

**Gilia capitata**  
*Globe Gilia*  
Upright taprooted annual with large ball-like heads of blue flowers.  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.  
Height: Up to 3 feet (1 meter).

**Goodyera oblongifolia**  
*Rattlesnake Plantain*  
Evergreen orchid from short rhizomes with an unusual mottled leaf pattern.  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.  
Height: Up to 1.5 feet (45 cm).

**Holodiscus discolor**  
*Oceanspray*  
Multi-stemmed upright shrub with ridged young stems and arching older stems with peeling bark.  
White flowers.  
Common in dry and moist habitats.  
Height: Up to 13 feet (4 meters).

**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).

**Larix occidentalis**  
*Western Larch*  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.
**Lithophragma parviflorum**  
Small-flowered Woodland Star  
Delicate herb from slender rhizomes with numerous small bulblets; white star-shaped flowers. Flowers and seeds while soil is moist (spring).  
Height: 2-16 inches (10-40 cm).

**Lomatium utriculatum**  
Spring Gold  
Perennial herb with finely lacy foliage and flat-topped umbels of bright yellow flowers. Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.

**Lonicera hispidula**  
Hairy Honeysuckle  
Clamboring vine with clusters of light purple tubular flowers. Preferred moisture levels: dry.  
Height: Up to 33 feet (10 meters) in trees.

**Luetkea pectinata**  
Partridgefoot  
Low-growing ground cover with spikes of small white flowers. Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.  
Height: Up to 6 inches (3 cm) tall.

**Mahonia aquifolium**  
Tall Oregon Grape  
Erect, stiff-branched shrub with holly-like leaves and clusters of yellow flowers. More tolerant of drier sites than *Mahonia nervosa*.  
Height: 2.5 - 6.5 feet (0.8 meters - 2 meters).

**Mahonia nervosa**  
Dull Oregon Grape  
Low-growing creeping shrub with dark green holly-like leaves and slender spikes of yellow flowers. Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.  
Height: Up to 2 feet (60 cm) tall.

**Mimulus lewisii**  
Pink Monkey-flower  
A clump forming perennial with large pinkish-red flowers. Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.
**Nothochelone nemorosa**  
Woodland Penstemon  
Preferred moisture levels: dry.

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

**Olsynium douglasii**  
Satin Flower, Grass Widow  
Showy tufted perennial resembling a miniature iris topped with large pink to purple flowers.  
Preferred moisture levels: dry.  
Height: Up to 12 inches (30 cm).

**Oxalis oregana**  
Wood Sorrel  
A delicate herb with clover-like leaves and white to pink flowers, forming carpets in forested areas.  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.

**Penstemon davidsonii**  
Davidson’s Penstemon  
Low mat-forming perennial with small evergreen leaves and large blue-purple tubular flowers.  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.  
Height: 2-4 inches (5-10 cm) tall.

**Penstemon fruticosus**  
Lowbush Penstemon  
Spreading shrub with numerous tubular purple flowers.  
Preferred moisture levels: dry.  
Height: Up to 40 cm (1.5 ft) tall.

**Penstemon serrulatus**  
Coast Penstemon  
Perennial, sprawling sub-shrub from a woody stem base, with large purple tubular flowers at stem tips.  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.  
Height: 8-28 inches (20-70 cm).
**Philadelphus lewisii**  
Mock Orange  
Erect, loosely branched shrub with large fragrant white flowers.  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.  
Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters).

**Phlox diffusa**  
Spreading Phlox  
Mat forming perennial with showy white to pink flowers.  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.  
Height: Up to 4 inches (10 cm).

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

**Plectritis congesta**  
Sea Blush  
Delicate annual herb with large dense clusters of small pink flowers.  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.  
Height: Up to 2 feet (60 cm).

**Polemonium pulcherrimum**  
Showy Jacob's-ladder  
Taprooted perennial with mostly basal leaves and blue bell-shaped flowers.  
Preferred moisture levels: dry.  
Height: Up to 14 inches (35 cm).

**Polystichum munitum**  
Sword Fern  
A large attractive fern with erect evergreen fronds forming a circular crown.  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.  
Height: 3-5 feet (1-1.5 meters).

**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.
**Pseudotsuga menziesii**  
**Douglas fir**  
Large coniferous tree with thick, fluted bark.  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.  
Height: Up to 300 feet (90 meters).

**Quercus garryana**  
**Garry Oak**  
Beautiful, deciduous, heavy limbed oak tree.  
Preferred moisture levels: dry.  
Height: Up to 82 feet (25 meters).

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

**Rhododendron macrophyllum**  
**Pacific Rhododendron**  
Showy shrub that can grow very large, with clusters of large pink flowers.  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.  
Height: Up to 26 feet (8 meters) if grown in shade; shorter and bushier in sunlight.

**Ribes sanguineum**  
**Red Flowering Currant**  
Erect, multi-stemmed shrub with showy clusters of deep pink flowers in early spring.  
Preferred moisture levels: dry.  
Height: 3-10 feet (1-3 meters).

**Rosa gymnocarpa**  
**Baldhip Rose**  
Spindly shrub with brittle weak straight spines and small pink rose flowers.  
Common in moist and dry habitats.  
Height: Up to 5 feet (1.5 meters).

**Rosa nutkana**  
**Nootka Rose**  
Spindly shrub with a pair of prickles at the base of each leaf and large pink rose flowers.  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.  
Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters).
**Rubus parviflorus**  
*Thimbleberry*  
Unarmed spreading shrub with large white flowers. Usually forms dense thickets.  
Preferred moisture levels: dry.  
Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters).

**Rubus ursinus**  
*Trailing Blackberry*  
Trailing prickly vine producing small blackberries in late summer.  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.  
Height: 20 inches (50 cm).

**Sedum lanceolatum**  
*Lance-leaved Stonecrop*  
Preferred moisture levels: dry.

**Sedum oreganum**  
*Oregon Stonecrop*  
Preferred moisture levels: dry.

**Sedum spathulifolium**  
*Broad-leaved Stonecrop*  
Preferred moisture levels: dry.

**Solidago canadensis**  
*Canada Goldenrod*  
Forms patches from long creeping rhizomes. Stems leafy and hairy near the top, with a dense cluster of small yellow flowers.  
Common in dry and moist habitats.  
Height: Up to 5 feet (1.5 meters).

**Sorbus sitchensis**  
*Sitka-Mountain Ash*  
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.

**Symphoricarpos albus**  
*Snowberry*  
Erect shrub with attractive white berries that persist through the winter.
Can tolerate fluctuating water tables.
Height: Up to 6.5 feet (2 meters).

**Trientalis latifolia**  
**Broad-leaved Starflower**
A small delicate herb with a single whorl of leaves topped by several small, pink, star-shaped flowers.
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.

**Tsuga heterophylla**  
**Western hemlock**
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.

**Vaccinium ovatum**  
**Evergreen huckleberry**
Bushy shrub with small shiny green evergreen leaves and small clusters of pink bell-shaped flowers.
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.
Height: Up to 4 meters (13 ft) tall.

**Viola adunca**  
**Early-blue Violet**
A blue flowered violet that grows from slender rhizomes and is stemless in the early season, later grow upright stem.
Common in dry and moist habitats.
Height: Up to 4 inches (10 cm).

**Viola sempervirens**  
**Evergreen Violet**
A creeping violet with evergreen leaves and yellow flowers.
Preferred moisture levels: dry.

**Xerophyllum tenax**  
**Beargrass**
Forms a tall grass-like clump of tough leaves topped by a large dense cluster of white flowers.
Preferred moisture levels: moist, dry.
Height: 3-5 feet (1-1.5 meters).