Native Plants for Sandy or Gravelly Soil

*Acer macrophyllum*
Big-leaf Maple
A tree with a large, often multi-stemmed trunk and a loose, broad crown of large leaves. 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. *Achillea millefolium* is capable of enduring poor soil and dry conditions. 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. Can endure rocky, dry to moist open forest sites. Height: Up to 12 inches (30 cm).

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

*Arbutus menziesii*
Madrone
An attractive broadleaf evergreen with a twisting reddish trunk and irregular branches with an overall rounded outline. Found in rocky sites with coarse-textured 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. Prefers coarse, well-drained soils. 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.
Height: Up to 3 feet (1 meter) tall.

**Brodiaea hyacinthina**
Fool's Onion, White Brodiaea
Onion-like plant from an underground corm, with large clusters of white flowers at tip of stems.
Also found in sagebrush deserts east of Cascades.
Height: 10-30 inches (25-70 cm).

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

**Claytonia perfoliata**
Miner's Lettuce
Low-growing, mat-like herbaceous annual with succulent round leaves.
Height: 12 inches (30 cm).

**Corylus cornuta**
Beaked Hazelnut
Slender, multi-trunked deciduous shrub.
Prefers calcium and nitrogen rich soils.
Height: 3 feet - 13 feet (1 meter - 4 meters).

**Deschampsia cespitosa**
Tufted Hairgrass
Densely tufted perennial grass.
Grows vigorously in nutrient-rich sites.
Height: Up to 4 feet (120 cm) tall.

**Epilobium brachycarpum**
Tall Annual Willowherb
Taprooted annual of dry, gravelly or disturbed sites.
Height: 1-4 feet (30-120 cm) tall.
**Equisetum arvense**  
**Field Horsetail**  
Succulent, hollow, jointed stems with whorls of branches.  
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.  
Height: 3-7.5 (10) feet tall; 1-2.3 (3) meters tall.

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

**Erythronium oregonum**  
**White Fawn Lily**  
Showy white lily from segmented corm.  
Height: Flower stem up to 1 feet (30 cm) tall.

**Festuca rubra**  
**Red Fescue**  
Perennial grass with thread-like leaves forming small patches.  
Will withstand inundation if soil is well drained.  
Height: Can grow up to 4 feet (1.2 meters) tall.

**Fragaria chiloensis**  
**Coastal Strawberry**  
Spreads low across ground with runners. White flowers and small red strawberries.  
Commonly found on dunes and sea bluffs.  
Height: Up to 10 inches (25 cm).

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

**Holodiscus discolor**  
**Oceanspray**  
Multi-stemmed upright shrub with ridged young stems and arching older stems with peeling bark. White flowers.  
Prefers well-drained rocky soils.  
Height: Up to 13 feet (4 meters).

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

**Lithophragma parviflorum**  
**Small-flowered Woodland Star**  
Delicate herb from slender rhizomes with numerous small bulblets; white star-shaped flowers.  
Height: 2-16 inches (10-40 cm).

**Luetkea pectinata**  
**Partridgefoot**  
Low-growing ground cover with spikes of small white flowers.  
Prefers moist sandy acidic soil.  
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. Tolerant of nutrient-poor, rocky soils.  
Height: 2.5 - 6.5 feet (0.8 meters - 2 meters).

**Penstemon fruticosus**  
**Lowbush Penstemon**  
Spreading shrub with numerous tubular purple flowers.  
Height: Up to 40 cm (1.5 ft) tall.
**Philadelphus lewisii**  
Mock Orange  
Erect, loosely branched shrub with large fragrant white flowers. Can tolerate several soil types.  
Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters).

**Phlox diffusa**  
Spreading Phlox  
Mat forming perennial with showy white to pink flowers.  
Height: Up to 4 inches (10 cm).

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

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

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

**Potentilla anserina ssp. pacifica**  
Silverweed  
Low growing hairy herb with runners and solitary yellow flowers.  
Height: Up to 16 inches (40 cm).

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

**Pseudotsuga menziesii**  
Douglas fir  
Large coniferous tree with thick, fluted bark.  
Height: Up to 300 feet (90 meters).
**Pteridium aquillinum**
*Bracken Fern*
Rhizomous perennial fern with large, much-divided solitary fronds.
Height: Usually 3-6 feet (1-2 meters) tall, sometimes taller.

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

**Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani**
*Softstem Bulrush*

**Scirpus maritimus**
*Seacoast Bulrush*

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