Native Plants for Muddy Soils

**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.

**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).

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

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

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

**Lysichiton americanum**
Skunk Cabbage
A wetland plant with very large waxy erect leaves and yellow flower spikes enclosed in a large yellow sheath.
Common in wet soils under cedar trees.
Height: 1-5 feet (30-150 cm).
**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.

**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.
Saturated year-round. Occupies lowest or wettest areas of wetlands.
Height: Up to 40 inches (1 meter).

**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).

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

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

**Rhamnus purshiana**
Cascara
Erect, tall shrub or small tree with alternate leaves and inconspicuous flower clusters.
Favors similar soils as red alder and vine maple.
Height: Up to 33 feet (10 meters).

**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).
**Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani**  
Softstem Bulrush

**Scirpus maritimus**  
Seacoast Bulrush

**Stachys cooleyae**  
Cooley's Hedge Nettle  
Perennial from rhizomes.  
Prefers nutrient rich, mucky, peaty soils.  
Height: Up to 5 feet (1.5 meters).

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