Native Plants for Well-drained Soils

**Abies grandis**  
Grand Fir  
*Abies grandis* is a tall, straight tree with short, dense branches. *Abies grandis* is susceptible to rot and therefore is typically found in drier soils. Height: 130-260 feet (40-80 meters).

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

**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).

**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. Prefers humus rich soils and well-drained, moist sites. Tolerant of serpentine soils.*  
Height: 6-43 inches (15-110 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).

**Amelanchier alnifolia**  
Serviceberry, Saskatoon  
*Medium-sized shrub producing fragrant white flowers in late spring.*  
Height: Up to 15 feet (4.5 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.

**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).

**Betula papyrifera**  
**Paper Birch**  
A small to medium sized deciduous tree with attractive white, peeling papery bark.  
Height: Up to 100 feet (30 meters).

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

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

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

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

**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).

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

**Oplopanax horridus**  
**Devil’s Club**  
An erect to sprawling shrub with thick, spiny, crooked stems and very large leaves.  
Found often in wet, but well-drained seepage sites.  
Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters).

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

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

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

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

**Rhododendron macrophyllum**
**Pacific Rhododendron**
Showy shrub that can grow very large, with clusters of large pink flowers.
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.
Height: 3-10 feet (1-3 meters).

**Symphoricarpos albus**
**Snowberry**
Erect shrub with attractive white berries that persist through the winter.
More common in deciduous than coniferous forest.
Height: Up to 6.5 feet (2 meters).

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

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

**Xerophyllum tenax**
**Beargrass**
Forms a tall grass-like clump of tough leaves topped by a large dense cluster of white flowers.
Tolerates a wide range of soils.
Height: 3-5 feet (1-1.5 meters).