Native Plants for Nutrient-poor Soils

*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).

*Alnus rubra*
*Red Alder*
A fast-growing deciduous tree well suited to disturbed sites. Fixes nitrogen, can flourish in poor soils. Height: Up to 80 feet (25 meters).

*Cornus unalaschkensis*
*Bunchberry*
Low, trailing, rhizomatous perennial with white flowers. Can tolerate nitrogen-poor soils. Height: Up to 10 inches (25 cm).

*Gaultheria shallon*
*Salal*
Creeping to erect shrub with hairy branching stems and dark leathery leaves. 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. Height: Up to 3 feet (1 meter).

*Grindelia integrifolia*
*Entire-leaved Gumweed*
Seaside perennial with sticky heads of yellow flowers. Can tolerate nutrient-poor, clay-like soils. Height: Can grow up to 32 inches (80 cm) in height.

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

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

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