

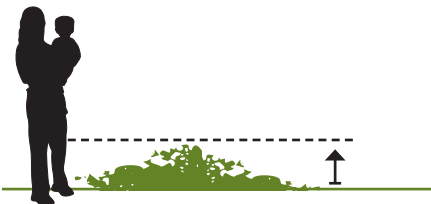


UNDERSTANDING NATIVE PLANTS BY HEIGHT

Focus on Pacific Northwest (PNW) Native Plants

Plants Grouped by Size

Choosing the “right plant for the right place” involves understanding a plant’s preferred growing conditions (sun or shade, moist or dry etc.) as well as the growth habits of the species. This guide offers a practical organization of Pacific Northwest native plants based on their typical mature heights. Under ideal growing conditions plants may grow larger than average; under challenging conditions, plants will probably remain smaller. Be sure to understand the other needs of each plant species needs before making a final choice for your landscape (moisture and exposure requirements).



GROUNDCOVERS

(usually below knee height)

- Bleeding Heart** (*Dicentra formosa*)
- Bunchberry** (*Cornus unalaschkensis*)
- Coastal Lupine** (*Lupinus littoralis*)
- Coastal Strawberry** (*Fragaria chiloensis*)
- Deer Fern** (*Blechnum spicant*)
- False Lilly of the Valley** (*Maianthemum dilatatum*)
- Foam Flower** (*Tiarella trifoliata*)
- Kinnikinnik** (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*)
- Lillies (Pink, White Fawn, Yellow Glacier)** (*Erythronium sp.*)
- Oregon Wintergreen** (*Gaultheria ovatifolia*)
- Trailing Blackberry** (*Rubus ursinus*)
- Western Trillium** (*Trillium ovatum*)
- Violet Species** (*Viola sp.*)
- Woodland Strawberry** (*Fragaria vesca*)



SMALL SHRUBS /PERENNIALS

(usually below waist height)

- Dunegrass** (*Elymus mollis*)
- False Solomon’s-Seal** (*Smilacina racemosa*)
- Lady fern** (*Athyrium filix-femina*)
- Large-Leaved Lupine** (*Lupinus polyphyllus*)
- Low Oregon Grape** (*Mahonia nervosa*)
- Maidenhair fern** (*Adiantum pedatum*)
- Oak fern** (*Gymnocarpium dryopteris*)
- Snowberry** (*Symphoricarpos alba*)
- Sword fern** (*Polystichum munitum*)
- Tufted Hairgrass** (*Deschampsia cespitosa*)
- Yarrow Species** (*Achillea sp.*)

Remember: these lists are just a starting point. There are many interesting and attractive native plants to explore. For more ideas and information, see the links on our website at www.masoncd.org



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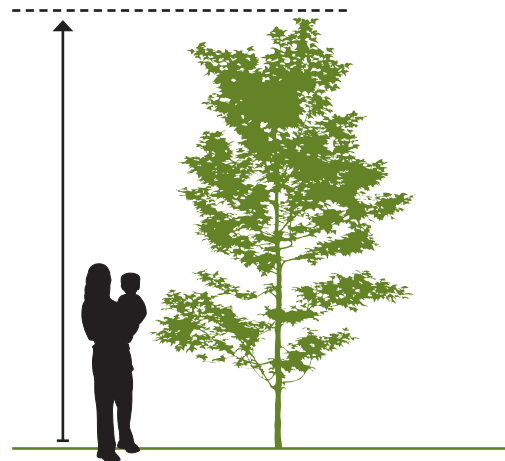
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MEDIUM SHRUBS

(at or below shoulder height)

- Baldhip Rose** (*Rosa gymnocarpa*)
- Bog Blueberry** (*Vaccinium uliginosum*)
- Douglas Spirea** (*Spiraea douglasii*)
- Dwarf Blueberry** (*Vaccinium caespitosum*)
- Evergreen Huckleberry** (*Vaccinium ovatum*)
- Hairy Manzanita** (*Arctostaphylos columbiana*)
- Nootka Rose** (*Rosa nutkana*)
- Oval-Leaved Blueberry** (*Vaccinium ovalifolium*)
- Red Huckleberry** (*Vaccinium parvifolium*)
- Red Flowering Current** (*Ribes sanguineum*)
- Salal** (*Gaultheria shallon*)
- Tall Oregon Grape** (*Mahonia/Berberis aquifolium*)
- Thimbleberry** (*Rubus parviflorus*)
- Wax Myrtle** (*Myrica californica*)



TALL SHRUBS /SMALL TREES

(usually 10-20' tall)

- Beaked Hazelnut** (*Corylus cornuta*)
- Ocean Spray** (*Holodiscus discolor*)
- Red Osier Dogwood** (*Cornus sericea*)
- Wax Myrtle** (*Myrica californica*)
- Pacific Crabapple** (*Malus fusca*)
- Pacific Ninebark** (*Physocarpus capitatus*)
- Pacific Rhododendron** (*R. macrophyllum*)
- Western Serviceberry** (*Amelanchier alnifolia*)
- Red Elderberry** (*Sambucus racemosa*)
- Blue Elderberry** (*Sambucus cerulea*)
- Vine maple** (*Acer circinatum* - to 30')
- Indian Plum/Osoberry** (*Oemleria cerasiformis*)
- Black Twinberry** (*Lonicera involucrata*)
- High Bush Cranberry** (*Viburnum edule*)
- Thimbleberry** (*Rubus parviflorus*)
- Salmonberry** (*Rubus spectabilis*)
- Redstem Ceanothus** (*Ceanothus sanguineus*)
- Snowbrush** (*Ceanothus velutinus*)
- Mock Orange** (*Philadelphus lewisii*)

Buying tip:
Always use the botanical name (in parenthesis) when ordering or buying plants to be sure you get the correct species.