

Native Plants for Saltwater Shoreline and Saltwater Habitats



Achillea millefolium

Yarrow

Aromatic herb with delicate fern-like leaves and flat-topped clusters of white flowers.
Height: 4 inches to 3 feet (10-100 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Amelanchier alnifolia

Serviceberry, Saskatoon

Medium-sized shrub producing fragrant white flowers in late spring.
Height: Up to 15 feet (4.5 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Aquilegia formosa

Red Columbine

Delicate perennial with large nodding, star-shaped, spurred flowers that are a favorite of hummingbirds.

Height: Can grow up to 3 feet (1 meter) tall. Leaves deciduous.



Arctostaphylos uva-ursi

Kinnikinnick, Bearberry

A mat-forming evergreen shrub producing lovely pink flowers that later turn into red berries.
Height: Can grow up to 8 inches (20 cm) tall. Leaves evergreen.



Armeria maritima

Sea-thrift.

Round balls of pink flowers held on slender leafless stems above a cluster of grass-like leaves.
Height: Up to 18 inches (45 cm). Leaves deciduous.



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). Leaves deciduous.



Carex obnupta

Slough Sedge

Large grass-like plant creating thick patches in coastal wetlands.
Height: 1-5 feet (30-150 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Castilleja miniata

Red Paintbrush

An attractive wildflower with red brush-like flower clusters.
Height: 8-32 inches (20-80 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Cerastium arvense

Field Chickweed

Leaves deciduous.



Crataegus douglasii

black hawthorn

large shrub or small tree with clusters of white flowers and dark purplish-black berries.
Leaves deciduous.



Deschampsia cespitosa

Tufted Hairgrass

Densely tufted perennial grass.
Height: Up to 4 feet (120 cm) tall. Leaves deciduous.



Eleocharis palustris

Creeping Spikerush

A wetland plant with leafless, grass-like stems topped by small brownish spikes of flowers.
Height: Up to 3 feet (100 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Eriophorum chamissonis

Chamisso's Cotton-grass

Extensive beds growing from spreading rhizomes or stolons with tufts of cotton-like seed heads.
Height: 8-28 inches (20-70 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Festuca rubra

Red Fescue

Perennial grass with thread-like leaves forming small patches.
Height: Can grow up to 4 feet (1.2 meters) tall. Leaves evergreen.



Fragaria chiloensis

Coastal Strawberry

Spreads low across ground with runners. White flowers and small red strawberries.
Height: Up to 10 inches (25 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Galium trifidum
Small Bedstraw

Sprawling perennial with numerous stems from slender rhizomes.
Height: up to 28 inches (70 cm). Leaves evergreen.



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. Leaves evergreen.



Grindelia integrifolia
Entire-leaved Gumweed

Seaside perennial with sticky heads of yellow flowers.
Height: Can grow up to 32 inches (80 cm) in height. Leaves deciduous.



Hordeum brachyantherum
Meadow Barley

Grass with erect stems that are bent at the base and sometimes hairy on the leaf sheaths.
Height: Up to 3 feet (90 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Lupinus polyphyllus
Large-leaved Lupine

A large perennial native forb with spikes of blue flowers from one to many hairy stems.
Height: 3-6 feet (1-2 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Malus fusca
Pacific Crabapple

Small tree, slender in form, appears thorny; bushy in the open.
Height: 16.5-40 feet (5-12 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Myrica gale
Sweet Gale

Leaves deciduous.



Picea sitchensis
Sitka spruce

Large tree with horizontal branches and drooping branchlets
Height: Up to 200 feet (60 meters) tall. Leaves evergreen.



Pinus contorta

Shore Pine

Short pine tree, often with crooked trunk and bushy habit.
Height: Up to 100 feet (30 meters). Leaves evergreen.



Potentilla anserina ssp. pacifica

Silverweed

Low growing hairy herb with runners and solitary yellow flowers.
Height: Up to 16 inches (40 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Potentilla gracilis

Graceful Cinquefoil

Light green herb with toothed palmate leaves and diffuse panicles of yellow, saucer-shaped flowers.
Height: Up to 32 inches (80 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Rubus parviflorus

Thimbleberry

Unarmed spreading shrub with large white flowers. Usually forms dense thickets.
Height: Up to 10 feet (3 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Scirpus maritimus

Seacoast Bulrush

Leaves deciduous.



Sisyrinchium californicum

Golden-eyed Grass

A small iris-like plant with yellow flowers.
Height: 16 inches (40 cm). Leaves deciduous.



Solidago canadensis

Canada Goldenrod

Forms patches from long creeping rhizomes. Stems leafy and hairy near the top, with a dense cluster of small yellow flowers.
Height: Up to 5 feet (1.5 meters). Leaves deciduous.



Symphoricarpos albus

Snowberry

Erect shrub with attractive white berries that persist through the winter.
Height: Up to 6.5 feet (2 meters). Leaves deciduous.



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. Leaves evergreen.