

Native Plant Alternatives for City of Eugene

A more complete list of species native to Lane County may be referenced in the publication titled “Vascular Plants of Lane County Oregon: An Annotated Checklist” produced by the Emerald Chapter of the Native Plant Society in 2002.

Evergreen Trees

Scientific Name	Common Name	Notes
<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	Pacific madrone	Slow growing, bright orange bark
<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>	incense cedar	Large conifer
<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	ponderosa pine	Large drought tolerant conifer, nice bark color
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	douglas fir	Fast growing, large conifer
<i>Thuja plicata</i>	western red cedar	Large conifer, tolerates shade

Deciduous Trees

Scientific Name	Common Name	Notes
<i>Acer circinatum</i>	vine maple	Lower stature maple, good understory, good fall color
<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	big leaf maple	Large, deciduous tree
<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>	white alder	Dominant alder species along waterways in Eugene
<i>Alnus rubra</i>	red alder	Great along waterways, nitrogen fixing
<i>Cornus nutallii</i>	Pacific dogwood	Tall, good bloom, likes shade
<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>	Oregon ash	Large stature tree, good in moist areas
<i>Prunus emarginata</i>	bitter cherry	Large tree, great for birds
<i>Quercus garryana</i>	Oregon white oak	Large tree, likes dry, well draining soil
<i>Salix</i> sp.	willow	Several native willow species are useful along waterways and wet areas. <i>S. scouleriana</i> (Scouler’s willow) will tolerate drier upland conditions

Evergreen Shrubs

Scientific Name	Common Name	Notes
<i>Berberis aquifolium</i>	tall Oregon-grape	Oregon state flower, good understory
<i>Ceanothus cuneatus</i>	buckbrush	Hardy, drought resistant large shrub

Ceanothus integerrimus	deerbrush	Large shrub preferring forest openings. Also, C.sanguineus, C. velutinus, and C. prostratus
Gaultheria shallon	salal	Low shrub, tall groundcover
Myrica californica	Pacific wax myrtle	Coastal drought resistant species, used in hedgerows
Rhododendron macrophyllum	Pacific rhododendron	Large shrub in sun and shade with large purple/white flowers
Vaccinium ovatum	evergreen huckleberry	Good for birds, nice color

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Amelanchier alnifolia	serviceberry	Good for birds
Cornus stolonifera	red-osier dogwood	Bright red bark on young stems, good for birds
Holodiscus discolor	ocean spray	Nice flowers, good bird and butterfly habitat
Oemleria cerasiformis	osoberry	Good for birds
Philadelphus lewisii	mock orange	Good for birds and butterflies
Physocarpus capitatus	ninebark	Good flowers and bird habitat
Ribes sanguineum	red flowering currant	Great flowers, good for birds and butterflies
Rosa nutkana	Nootka rose	Drought resistant, valuable nectar plant for insects
Rubus parviflorus	thimbleberry	Good bird and butterfly habitat, prefers moist places/forest edges
Sambucus callicarpa	red elderberry	Excellent bird plant, fast growing
Spiraea douglasii	Douglas spirea	Good for birds
Symphoricarpos albus	snowberry	Grows into thicket, nice white berry in summer and fall

Herbaceous Plants (perennials, annuals, ferns, grasses, etc)

Scientific Name	Common Name	Notes
Achillea millefolium	white yarrow	Flowering perennial
Adiantum pedatum	maiden-hair fern	Delicate, lacey groundcover
Anaphalis margaritacea	pearly everlasting	White flowering perennial

<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	red columbine	Showy red flowers, good for butterflies
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	kinnikinnik	Evergreen groundcover
<i>Aster subspicatus</i>	Douglas' aster	Many purple flowers, streamside to dry conditions
<i>Berberis nervosa</i>	dwarf Oregon-grape	Low growing, evergreen ground cover
<i>Camassia leichtlinii</i>	tall camas	Blue flowers, does well in drier areas
<i>Camassia quamash</i>	common camas	Blue flowers, likes wetter areas
<i>Carex deweyana</i>	Dewey's sedge	Densely tufted sedge
<i>Carex obnupta</i>	slough sedge	Common wetland/riverbank sedge, tolerates dry summer conditions
<i>Clarkia amoena</i>	farewell-to-spring	Low growing, flowering annual
<i>Delphinium trollifolium</i>	trollius-leaved larkspur	Good for butterflies, likes shade
<i>Delphinium menziesii</i>	Menzies' larkspur	Performs well in dry, sunny areas
<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i>	tufted hairgrass	Perennial grass, densely tufted
<i>Dicentra formosa</i>	bleeding heart	Nice, pale pink flowers, good for butterflies
<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i>	wooly sunflower	Good in dry soils, yellow flower
<i>Erythronium oregonum</i>	fawn lily	Showy, pale white to yellow flowers
<i>Festuca californica</i>	California fescue	Historically common upland bunchgrass, thrives in partial shade or forest edges
<i>Festuca roemerii</i>	Roemer's fescue	Historically common upland bunchgrass
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Woods strawberry	Evergreen groundcover
<i>Geum macrophyllum</i>	geum	Perennial, good for butterflies
<i>Gilia capitata</i>	globe gilia	Perennial, good for butterflies
<i>Iris tenax</i>	Oregon iris	Elegant purple flowers
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	common rush	Common wetland rush, tolerates dry summers
<i>Juncus patens</i>	spreading rush	Common wetland rush, tolerates dry summers
<i>Lomatium nudicaule</i>	barestem lomatium	Nice yellow flowers, valuable nectar source for insects
<i>Lupinus polyphyllus</i>	lupine	Showy purple flowers

Lupinus rivularis	riverbank lupine	Showy flowers, valuable for insects
Oxalis oregona	wood sorrel	Delicate, shade loving groundcover
Penstemon procerus	small flowered penstemon	Nice flowers, prefers well drained conditions
Polystichum munitum	sword fern	Large, easy to grow fern, good understory
Sidalcea virgata	rose checker-mallow	Good for butterflies
Sisyrinchium angustifolium	blue-eyed grass	Nice blue flowers
Smilacina racemosa	false Solomon's seal	White flowers, good for butterflies
Tellima grandiflora	fringe cup	Perennial groundcover

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