

Gibsons Garden Club

Ecological Gardening on the Coast

Top local plants to get to know.

1. Flowering Red Currant - *Ribes sanguineum*
2. Salal – *Gaultheria shallon*
3. Maidenhair Fern - *Adiantum*
4. Sword Fern – *Polystichum munitum*
5. Columbine - *Aquilegia*
6. Douglas Aster – *Symphytotrichum subspicatum*
7. Pacific Bleeding Heart – *Dicentra formosa*
8. Woolly Sunflower - *Eriophyllum*
9. Coastal Strawberry – *Fragaria chiloensis*
10. Kinnickinnick – *Arctostaphylos*
11. Nodding Onion – *Allium cernuum*
12. Deer Fern – *Blechnum spicant*
13. Yarrow – *Achillea millefolium*
14. Oregon Grape – *Mahonia aquifolium*
15. Bunchberry – *Cornus canadensis*
16. Cranberry – *Vaccinium macrocarpon*
17. Osoberry - *Oemleria*
18. Mock Orange – *Philadelphus coronarius*
19. Pearly Everlasting – *Anaphalis margaritacea*
20. Snowberry - *Symphoricarpos*

Best Native Nurseries in BC – ask your local nursery for native species grown by these wholesalers;

Nat's Nursery – Langley, Lower Mainland, BC <https://natsnursery.com/finished-plants/>

Peel's Nursery – Mission, BC <https://www.peelsnurseries.com/>

Linnaea Nurseries – Langley, Lower Mainland, BC <https://linnaeanurseries.com/>

Streamside, Bowser, Vancouver Island, BC <http://www.streamsidenativeplants.com/>

Satinflower – Meadow Maker program <https://satinflower.ca/> * experts on Vancouver Island

Plan Bee Native Plants <https://planbeenativeplants.com/>

Twin Sister Nurseries northern BC <https://www.twinsistersnursery.com/>

Advantage of Native Species;

- Accustomed to local temperatures
- Don't need replacing
- Don't need chemicals
- Waterwise for summer drought
- Soil is right Ph
- Mini ecosystem of species
- Pest/predator balance
- Leave the leaves for bird food
- Mitigate climate change
- Save money, low maintenance
- Resilient learned behaviours
- Genetically Ancient lineages

Resources:

The Resilient Garden by Stephanie Rose, local author @garden_therapy on socials

The Climate Change Garden – book Stoddart and Sally, future proof gardening

Homegrown National Park @homegrownnationalpark Doug Tellamy 'Nature's Best Hope'

100 Easy to Grow Native Plants for Canadian Gardens Lorraine Johnson

Canadian Wildlife Federation https://cwf-fcf.org/en/resources/downloads/booklets-handouts/gardening_guide_en.pdf "Creating Habitat for Wildlife"

World Wildlife Fund: In the Zone. <https://inthezonegardens.ca/>

David Suzuki Butterfly Rangers. <https://david Suzuki.org/take-action/act-locally/butterflyway/national/>

Master Gardener Hotline <https://www.mgabc.org/ask-a-master-gardener>

UBC Botanical Garden <https://botanicalgarden.ubc.ca/advice/hortline-garden-advice/>
Friends of the Garden Hortline

Plant Me Instead <https://bcinvasives.ca/play-your-part/plantwise/grow-me-instead/>

Grow Green Guide – Metro Van. <http://www.growgreenguide.ca/>



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Specialized experts, naturalist groups and small growers can be found throughout BC.

- Indigenous: species that have coevolved with our pollinators and microclimates
- Invited: species that are beneficial, beautiful that we relocate from its origin
- Invasive: species that move in and hyper thrive, causing damage and habitat loss

Plant Maps

<https://www.plantmaps.com/interactive-british-columbia-plant-zone-hardiness-map.php>

Vancouver Island Habitat Acquisition Trust - good plant lists

<https://hat.bc.ca/gardening-with-native-plants/native-plant-chart>

Great Plant Picks - horticultural choices for location of conditions

<https://www.greatplantpicks.org/>

Volunteer Organizations - Master Gardeners

<https://www.mgabc.org/>

City of Vancouver Green Streets Program - traffic calming volunteers

<https://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/green-streets-program.aspx>

Native Plant Study Group

<https://npsg.ca/>

Riley Park Community Garden, rewilding demonstration site

<https://www.rileyparkgarden.org/>

Nupqu Native Plant Nursery – Indigenous Focus

<https://nupqu.com/native-plants-nursery-home/>

Kootenay Mountain region interior nursery, more shrub, grasses for growing zones 5-7

Twin Sisters Nursery – BC Aboriginal Business Award

<https://www.twinsistersnursery.com/>

Located in Moberly Lake in the north with interior growing zone different species.

NALT – Natural Abundance

<https://www.nalt.bc.ca/native-plant-nursery>

BC Wild Heritage Plants

<https://www.bcwildheritage.com/>

BC Places of Note

Royal BC Museum Native Plant Garden – Display area of 100's of native species
<http://hcp.ca/gardens/attractions/native-plant-garden/>

VanDusen Botanical Garden – native selection at entrance <https://vandusengarden.org/>

UBC Botanical Garden – Rainforest Garden, Garry Oak Meadow
<https://botanicalgarden.ubc.ca/>

Paine Horticultural Training Centre. Vancouver Island University
<https://tradesappliedtech.viu.ca/horticulture/gr-paine-horticultural-training-centre>

Horticulture Centre of the Pacific – small school display garden in residential area
<https://hcp.ca/>

Oak Bay Native Plant Garden – small municipal display garden with view of ecological reserve, and not far from Beacon Hill Park, a large mainstream park. Urban forestry near University of Victoria. <https://www.oakbay.ca/parks-recreation/parks-playgrounds/parks-listing/native-plant-garden>

BC Wild Heritage Plants
<https://www.bcwildheritage.com/>

Mayo Creek Gardens
Lake Cowichan, BC
250-749-6291
mayocreekgardens@shaw.ca
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Twining Vine Garden Seed Store
Fanny Bay, BC
www.plantexplorers.com/twiningvine/

Wildside Nursery
Denman Island, BC
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Pacific Rim Native Plant Nursery
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