

Native Plant Guide - King County, Washington

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Plant list for dry part-shade

Type	Common name	Latin name	Exposure	Moisture	Height (ft)
Tree	vine maple	<i>Acer circinatum</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	25
Tree	Pacific dogwood	<i>Cornus nuttallii</i>	part shade	dry - moist	60
Tree	shore pine	<i>Pinus contorta</i> var. <i>contorta</i>	sun - part shade	dry - wet	50
Tree	bitter cherry	<i>Prunus emarginata</i>	sun - part shade	dry - moist	30
Tree	Douglas-fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	sun - part shade	dry - moist	250
Shrub	salal	<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	5
Shrub	oceanspray	<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	sun - shade	dry - moist	15
Shrub	tall Oregon grape	<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	sun - shade	dry - wet	8
Shrub	bald hip rose	<i>Rosa gymnocarpa</i>	sun - shade	dry - wet	4
Shrub	red elderberry	<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	sun - shade	dry - moist	15
Shrub	evergreen huckleberry	<i>Vaccinium ovatum</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	6
Groundcover	beach strawberry	<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>	sun - part shade	dry	1
Groundcover	sword fern	<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	3
Groundcover	fringecup	<i>Tellima grandiflora</i>	part shade - shade	moist	1
Groundcover	inside-out flower	<i>Vancouveria hexandra</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	1

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Type	Common name	Latin name	Exposure	Moisture	Height (ft)
Tree	vine maple	<i>Acer circinatum</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	25
Tree	casara	<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>	sun - shade	dry - wet	30
Tree	Western hemlock	<i>Tsuga heterophylla</i>	part shade - shade	moist - wet	225
Shrub	salal	<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	5
Shrub	oceanspray	<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	sun - shade	dry - moist	15
Shrub	low Oregon grape	<i>Mahonia nervosa</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	3
Shrub	indian plum; osoberry	<i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	15
Shrub	bald hip rose	<i>Rosa gymnocarpa</i>	sun - shade	dry - wet	4
Shrub	snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	sun - shade	dry - moist	5
Groundcover	vanilla leaf	<i>Achlys triphylla</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	1
Groundcover	bleeding heart	<i>Dicentra formosa</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	1.5
Groundcover	oxalis; wood sorrel	<i>Oxalis oregana</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	0.5
Groundcover	sword fern	<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	3
Groundcover	false Solomon's-seal	<i>Smilacina racemosa</i>	part shade - shade	moist	3
Groundcover	trillium	<i>Trillium ovatum</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	1.5

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Plant list for dry sunny conditions

Type	Common name	Latin name	Exposure	Moisture	Height (ft)
Tree	shore pine	<i>Pinus contorta</i> var. <i>contorta</i>	sun - part shade	dry - wet	50
Tree	bitter cherry	<i>Prunus emarginata</i>	sun - part shade	dry - moist	30
Tree	Douglas-fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	sun - part shade	dry - moist	250
Shrub	serviceberry; juneberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	sun - shade	dry - moist	20
Shrub	oceanspray	<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	sun - shade	dry - moist	15
Shrub	tall Oregon grape	<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	sun - shade	dry - wet	8
Shrub	mock orange	<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	sun - part shade	dry - moist	9
Shrub	red-flowering currant	<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	sun - part shade	dry - moist	6
Shrub	snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	sun - shade	dry - moist	5
Groundcover	nodding onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	sun	dry - moist	1
Groundcover	kinnikinnik; bearberry	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	sun - part shade	dry	1
Groundcover	thrift; sea pink	<i>Armeria maritima</i>	sun	dry - moist	1
Groundcover	beach strawberry	<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>	sun - part shade	dry	1

Plant list for moist part-shade

Type	Common name	Latin name	Exposure	Moisture	Height (ft)
Tree	grand fir	<i>Abies grandis</i>	sun - shade	dry - moist	250
Tree	vine maple	<i>Acer circinatum</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	25
Tree	Pacific dogwood	<i>Cornus nuttallii</i>	part shade	dry - moist	60
Tree	Western redcedar	<i>Thuja plicata</i>	part shade - shade	moist - wet	200
Shrub	red-osier dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	sun - shade	moist - wet	15
Shrub	salal	<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	5
Shrub	oceanspray	<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	sun - shade	dry - moist	15
Shrub	tall Oregon grape	<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	sun - shade	dry - wet	8
Shrub	indian plum; osoberry	<i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	15
Shrub	evergreen huckleberry	<i>Vaccinium ovatum</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	6
Groundcover	maidenhair fern	<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	part shade - shade	moist - wet	2
Groundcover	Western columbine	<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	sun - part shade	moist	2
Groundcover	deer fern	<i>Blechnum spicant</i>	part shade - shade	dry - wet	2
Groundcover	sword fern	<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	3
Groundcover	inside-out flower	<i>Vancouveria hexandra</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	1

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Type	Common name	Latin name	Exposure	Moisture	Height (ft)
Tree	vine maple	<i>Acer circinatum</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	25
Tree	casacara	<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>	sun - shade	dry - wet	30
Tree	Western redcedar	<i>Thuja plicata</i>	part shade - shade	moist - wet	200
Tree	Western hemlock	<i>Tsuga heterophylla</i>	part shade - shade	moist - wet	225
Shrub	red-osier dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	sun - shade	moist - wet	15
Shrub	low Oregon grape	<i>Mahonia nervosa</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	3
Shrub	evergreen huckleberry	<i>Vaccinium ovatum</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	6
Groundcover	vanilla leaf	<i>Achlys triphylla</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	1
Groundcover	wild ginger	<i>Asarum caudatum</i>	part shade - shade	moist	0.5
Groundcover	deer fern	<i>Blechnum spicant</i>	part shade - shade	dry - wet	2
Groundcover	sword fern	<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	3
Groundcover	piggyback plant; youth-on-age	<i>Tolmiea menziesii</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	1
Groundcover	trillium	<i>Trillium ovatum</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	1.5

Plant list for moist sunny conditions

Type	Common name	Latin name	Exposure	Moisture	Height (ft)
Tree	Sitka spruce	<i>Picea sitchensis</i>	sun - part shade	moist - wet	200
Tree	casacara	<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>	sun - shade	dry - wet	30
Shrub	serviceberry; juneberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	sun - shade	dry - moist	20
Shrub	tall Oregon grape	<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	sun - shade	dry - wet	8
Shrub	Pacific wax myrtle	<i>Myrica californica</i>	sun - part shade	dry - moist	15
Shrub	red-flowering currant	<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	sun - part shade	dry - moist	6
Shrub	nootka rose	<i>Rosa nutkana</i>	sun - part shade	moist - wet	10
Shrub	subalpine spirea	<i>Spiraea densiflora</i>	sun - part shade	moist - wet	5
Shrub	snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	sun - shade	dry - moist	5
Groundcover	nodding onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	sun	dry - moist	1
Groundcover	Western columbine	<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	sun - part shade	moist	2
Groundcover	goat's beard	<i>Arunacus sylvestris</i>	sun - part shade	moist - wet	5
Groundcover	camas, common	<i>Camassia quamash</i>	sun - part shade	dry - moist	1
Groundcover	beach strawberry	<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>	sun - part shade	dry	1
Groundcover	goldenrod	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	sun - part shade	dry - moist	4

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Plant list for Steep slope with dry sunny conditions

Type	Common name	Latin name	Exposure	Moisture	Height (ft)
Tree	bignone maple	<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	sun - shade	dry - moist	100
Tree	madrone; madrona	<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	sun - part shade	dry	90
Tree	shore pine	<i>Pinus contorta</i> var. <i>contorta</i>	sun - part shade	dry - wet	50
Shrub	serviceberry; juneberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	sun - shade	dry - moist	20
Shrub	hybrid manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos X. media</i>	sun	dry	3
Shrub	oceanspray	<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	sun - shade	dry - moist	15
Shrub	tall Oregon grape	<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	sun - shade	dry - wet	8
Shrub	red-flowering currant	<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	sun - part shade	dry - moist	6
Shrub	thimbleberry	<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>	sun - shade	dry - moist	8
Groundcover	yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	sun - part shade	dry - moist	0
Groundcover	kinnikinnik; bearberry	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	sun - part shade	dry	1
Groundcover	thrift; sea pink	<i>Armeria maritima</i>	sun	dry - moist	1
Groundcover	beach strawberry	<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>	sun - part shade	dry	1
Groundcover	trailing snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos mollis</i>	sun - shade	dry - moist	3
Vine	blackberry, trailing	<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	sun - shade	dry - moist	0.5

Plant list for wet part-shade conditions

Type	Common name	Latin name	Exposure	Moisture	Height (ft)
Tree	red alder	<i>Alnus rubra</i>	sun - part shade	dry - wet	120
Tree	Sitka spruce	<i>Picea sitchensis</i>	sun - part shade	moist - wet	200
Tree	Sitka willow	<i>Salix sitchensis</i>	sun - part shade	moist - wet	30
Tree	Western redcedar	<i>Thuja plicata</i>	part shade - shade	moist - wet	200
Shrub	red-osier dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	sun - shade	moist - wet	15
Shrub	Pacific wax myrtle	<i>Myrica californica</i>	sun - part shade	dry - moist	15
Shrub	Pacific ninebark	<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	sun - shade	moist - wet	13
Shrub	swamp rose; clustered wild rose	<i>Rosa pisocarpa</i>	sun - shade	moist - wet	6
Shrub	salmonberry	<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	sun - shade	moist - wet	10
Shrub	highbush cranberry; mooseberry	<i>Viburnum edule</i>	sun - part shade	moist - wet	12
Groundcover	maidenhair fern	<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	part shade - shade	moist - wet	2
Groundcover	lady fern	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	sun - shade	moist - wet	4
Groundcover	deer fern	<i>Blechnum spicant</i>	part shade - shade	dry - wet	2
Grass-like	slough sedge	<i>Carex obnupta</i>	sun - part shade	moist - wet	3
Grass-like	small-fruited bulrush	<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i>	sun - part shade	wet	3

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Type	Common name	Latin name	Exposure	Moisture	Height (ft)
Tree	vine maple	<i>Acer circinatum</i>	part shade - shade	dry - moist	25
Tree	cascara	<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>	sun - shade	dry - wet	30
Tree	Western redcedar	<i>Thuja plicata</i>	part shade - shade	moist - wet	200
Shrub	red-osier dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	sun - shade	moist - wet	15
Shrub	Pacific wax myrtle	<i>Myrica californica</i>	sun - part shade	dry - moist	15
Shrub	devil's club	<i>Oplonanax horridus</i>	sun - shade	moist - wet	9
Shrub	salmonberry	<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	sun - shade	moist - wet	10
Groundcover	maidenhair fern	<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	part shade - shade	moist - wet	2
Groundcover	lady fern	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	sun - shade	moist - wet	4
Groundcover	bunchberry	<i>Cornus unalaschensis</i>	part shade - shade	moist - wet	1
Groundcover	swamp lantern; skunk cabbage	<i>Lysichiton americanum</i>	part shade - shade	wet	3
Groundcover	false lily-of-the-valley	<i>Maianthemum dilatatum</i>	sun - shade	moist - wet	1
Grass-like	slough sedge	<i>Carex obnupta</i>	sun - part shade	moist - wet	3

Plant list for wet and sunny conditions

Type	Common name	Latin name	Exposure	Moisture	Height (ft)
Tree	Oregon ash	<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>	sun - part shade	moist - wet	70
Tree	Pacific crabapple	<i>Malus fusca</i>	sun - part shade	moist - wet	40
Tree	shore pine	<i>Pinus contorta</i> var. <i>contorta</i>	sun - part shade	dry - wet	50
Tree	Pacific willow	<i>Salix lasiandra</i>	sun - part shade	moist - wet	40
Shrub	bog rosemary	<i>Andromeda polifolia</i>	sun - part shade	wet	1.5
Shrub	red-osier dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	sun - shade	moist - wet	15
Shrub	Pacific ninebark	<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	sun - shade	moist - wet	13
Shrub	swamp rose; clustered wild rose	<i>Rosa pisocarpa</i>	sun - shade	moist - wet	6
Shrub	highbush cranberry; mooseberry	<i>Viburnum edule</i>	sun - part shade	moist - wet	12
Groundcover	goat's beard	<i>Aruncus sylvestris</i>	sun - part shade	moist - wet	5
Groundcover	lady fern	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	sun - shade	moist - wet	4
Groundcover	camas, common	<i>Camassia quamash</i>	sun - part shade	dry - moist	1
Groundcover	wapato; arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria latifolia</i> var. <i>latifolia</i>	sun - part shade	wet	1.5
Groundcover	golden eyed grass	<i>Sisyrinchium californicum</i>	sun - part shade	moist - wet	1.5
Grass-like	hardstem bulrush	<i>Scirpus acutus</i>	sun	wet	9
Grass-like	small-fruited bulrush	<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i>	sun - part shade	wet	3