

# Pender Harbour 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 – *Symphyotrichum 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/>

## 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 about 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](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/>

Lawn to Meadow Conversions, Carleton Landscaping in Vancouver

Nancy Turner, UVic Ethnobotanist 'Earth's Blanket'

Robin Wall Kimmerer, Braiding Sweetgrass, new book The Serviceberry  
<https://emergencemagazine.org/essay/the-serviceberry/> excerpt article

Interview CBC R W Kimmerer <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/tapestry/why-is-the-world-so-beautiful-an-indigenous-botanist-on-the-spirit-of-life-in-everything-1.5817787>

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 educational display garden near Victoria  
<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](mailto:mayocreekgardens@shaw.ca)  
[www.mayocreekgardens.ca](http://www.mayocreekgardens.ca)

Twining Vine Garden Seed Store  
Fanny Bay, BC  
[www.plantexplorers.com/twiningvine/](http://www.plantexplorers.com/twiningvine/)

Wildside Nursery  
Denman Island, BC  
250-335-1379  
[wildside@island.net](mailto:wildside@island.net)

Pacific Rim Native Plant Nursery  
Chilliwack, BC  
604-792-9279  
[plants@hillkeep.ca](mailto:plants@hillkeep.ca)  
[www.hillkeep.ca](http://www.hillkeep.ca)

Pickseed Canada  
Abbotsford, BC  
“Garry Oak Upland Mix”  
604-504-7964  
[dbiggin@pickseed.com](mailto:dbiggin@pickseed.com)  
[www.pickseed.com](http://www.pickseed.com)

Queenswood Nursery  
Langley, BC.  
604-530-0847  
[queenswoodlangley@shaw.ca](mailto:queenswoodlangley@shaw.ca)

Shady Creek Native Plants &  
Environmental Consulting  
Aldergrove, BC  
604-856-9033  
[office@shadycreek.ca](mailto:office@shadycreek.ca)

West Coast Seeds  
Lawn alternative + large seed selection  
[www.westcoastseeds.com](http://www.westcoastseeds.com)

## Social Media

### Instagram:

- @homegrownnationalpark
- @planbeenativeplants
- @bc\_nativeplants
- @bcnativebees
- @nativehabitatproject
- @streamsidenativeplants
- @satinflowernurseries

### Satinflower Meadow Makers

<https://satinflower.ca/products/meadowmakers2024>

### Invasive Species Council of BC

<https://bcinvasives.ca/invasives/scotch-broom/>

### West Coast Trees

- ✓ Crabapple
- ✓ Hawthorn
- ✓ Holodiscus
- ✓ Snowberry
- ✓ Oregon Grape
- ✓ Dogwood
- ✓ Cascara
- ✓ Elderberry
- ✓ Hazelnut
- ✓ Olemeria (IP)
- ✓ Nootka Rose
- ✓ Vine Maple
- ✓ White Birch

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