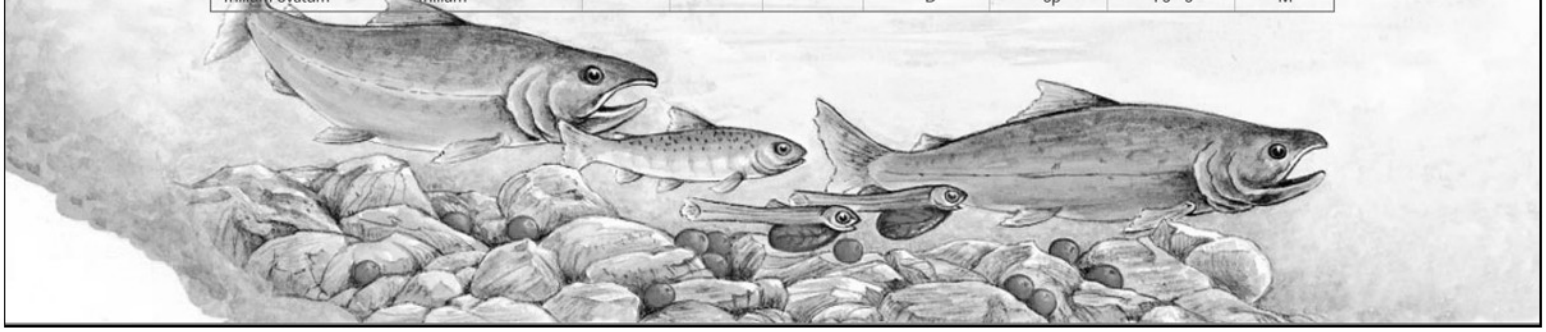
Sample Plants for Salmon Friendly Gardens

This list is just a sampling of the many native plants that can benefit salmon. Native species are especially important along streams and shorelines. They attract insects that salmon thrive on, and help maintain a balanced ecosystem in the delicate aquatic environment. Many Northwest gardens include plants that are both native and non-native to Western Washington. Away from the water, non-native plants can be woven in with natives to provide beautiful patterns and textures. Visit your local nursery for more ideas.

Latin Name	Common Name	**Stabilizes slopes**	**Adapts** to edges of lakes, streams, wetlands	**Provides Wildlife Habitat:** food, cover, nesting	**Foliage Type:** E - Evergreen D - Deciduous	**Flower or Fruit** Sp - spring Su- summer F - fall W - winter	**Light Exposure** FS - full sun PS - part shade S - shade E - either	**Soil Moisture** M - moist D - dry E - either
TREES								
Abies procera	Noble fir			X	E		FS - PS	M
Acer circinatum	Vine maple	X	X	X	D	Sp-Su	E	E
Alnus rubra	Red alder	X	X	X	D	Sp	FS - PS	E
Populus tremuloides	Quaking aspen	X	X	X	D	F	FS	M
Pseudotsuga menziesii	Douglas fir		X	X	E		FS - PS	E
Rhamnus purshiana	Cascara	X	X	X	D	Su, F	FS - PS	E
Thuja plicata	Western red cedar		X	X	E		FS - PS	E
Tsuga heterophylla	Western hemlock		X	X	E		FS - S	E
SHRUBS								
Amelanchier alnifolia	Serviceberry		X	X	D	Sp – Su	FS - PS	E
Cornus sericea	Redtwig dogwood	X	X	X	D	F - W	E	M
Gaultheria shallon	Salal	X	X	X	E	Sp – Su	PS - S	E
Holodiscus discolor	Oceanspray		X	X	D	Su	FS - PS	E
Mahonia aquifolium	Oregon grape	X	X	X	E	Sp – Su	FS - PS	E
Mahonia nervosa	Low Oregon grape	X		X	E	Sp - Su	PS - S	E
Ribes sanguineum	Red-flowering currant		X	X	D	Sp	FS - PS	E
Rosa gymnocarpa	Bald-hip rose	X	X	X	D	Sp – Su	FS - PS	E
Rosa nutkana	Nootka rose	X	X	X	D	Sp – Su	FS - PS	E
Rubus spectabilis	Salmonberry	X	X	X	D	Sp - Su	PS	M
Salix scouleriana	Scouler willow	X	X	X	D	Sp	FS - PS	E
Symphoricarpos albus	Snowberry	X	X	X	D	F - W	FS - PS	E
Vaccinium ovatum	Evergreen huckleberry			X	E	Sp - Su	PS	D
GROUNDCOVERS								
Achlys triphylla	Vanilla leaf		X		D	Sp	PS - S	M
Cornus unalaschkensis	Bunchberry		X	X	D	Sp - F	PS - S	M
Fragaria chiloensis	Beach strawberry			X	E	Sp - Su	FS - PS	D
Maianthemum dilatatum	False lily-of-the-valley		X	X	D	Sp - Su	PS - S	E
Vancouveria hexandra	Inside-out flower		X		D	Sp	PS - S	M
PERENNIALS								
Adiantum pedatum	Maidenhair fern		X		D		PS - S	M
Anaphalis margaritacea	Pearly everlasting	X	X	X	D	Sp -Su	FS	D
Aruncus dioicus	Goatsbeard	X	X	X	D	Sp	FS - PS	M
Aster subspicatus	Douglas' aster	X	X	X	D	Sp - Su	FS	E
Blechnum spicant	Deer Fern		X		E		PS - S	M
Epilobium angustifolium	Fireweed	X	X	X	D	Sp - Su	FS - PS	E
Juncus effusus	Soft Rush	X	X	X	E		FS - PS	E
Linum perenne	Wild blue flax			X	D	Sp - Su	FS	D
Polystichum munitum	Sword Fern		X		E		E	E
Solidago canadensis	Goldenrod	X	X	X	D	Sp - Su	FS	E
Trillium ovatum	Trillium				D	Sp	PS - S	M