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Native plants for the urban landscape

Native plants are excellent choices for landscaping urban areas. These species are adapted to our local pests and climate, and will require less maintenance in the long run than most ornamentals. Planting natives in an urban situation also provides wildlife habitat where it is often scarce or degraded. This lists emphasizes smaller trees to remain in proportion with the urban surroundings and lessen interference with power lines and buildings. Remember to mulch plantings to suppress weeds and irrigate the first two summers following planting. Check optimum site conditions for each species in our catalog before planting to best determine where each will thrive.

Trees	Species	Comments
Vine maple	<i>Acer circinatum</i>	Brilliant fall color, mature height: 20', multi-stemmed
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Versatile, spring blooms, mature height: 20', can be slow to establish
Choke cherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Versatile, wildlife value, mature height: 20'
Cascara	<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>	Versatile, fast grower, sensitive to air pollution, mature height: 30'
Shrubs		
Red-osier dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Brilliant red stems, fall color, winter interest, requires a moist site
Beaked hazelnut	<i>Corylus cornuta</i>	Versatile, prefers well-drained soils, nuts loved by wildlife
Tall Oregon grape	<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	Evergreen, versatile, sharp foliage can deter foot traffic
Low Oregon grape	<i>Mahonia nervosa</i>	Evergreen, needs shade, stays low (2' tall), slower growing
Pacific wax-myrtle	<i>Myrica californica</i>	Evergreen, fast-growing, excellent hedge species
Mock orange	<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	Drought tolerant, white blooms have wonderful fragrance
Red-flowering currant	<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	Drought tolerant, beautiful red blooms, do not over water
Bald-hip rose	<i>Rosa gymnocarpa</i>	Versatile, needs shade
Blue elderberry	<i>Sambucus cerulea</i>	Versatile, fast-growing, blue berries
Red elderberry	<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	Versatile, fast-growing, red berries
Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Versatile, winter interest (white berries), good hedge species, stays low (2'-6' tall), will spread
Herbaceous		
Goat's beard	<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>	Tall (to 6'), white blooms, fast-growing
Wild ginger	<i>Asarum caudatum</i>	Gorgeous foliage, evergreen, mat-forming, slower growing
Lady fern	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	Tall (to 6'), deciduous, requires a moist site
Slough sedge	<i>Carex obnupta</i>	Evergreen, usually 2'-3' tall, drooping seed heads
Coastal strawberry	<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>	Somewhat evergreen, spreads rapidly, versatile, can outcompete weeds
Woodland strawberry	<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Spreads rapidly, requires a moist site, can outcompete weeds
False lily-of-the-valley	<i>Maianthemum dilatatum</i>	Somewhat evergreen, spreads rapidly
Sword fern	<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	Versatile, evergreen, tall (to 5')
Fringecup	<i>Tellima grandiflora</i>	Versatile, lovely foliage, can outcompete weeds

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