



## NATIVE GROUND COVERS, VINES & WILDFLOWERS

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<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	2-3'	Summer	Adaptable. Wet to dry soils in meadows, open areas.	White flowers in flat topped cluster. Aromatic, fernlike foliage. Good for pollinators and herbal remedies.
<i>Aconitum columbianum</i>	Monkshood	3-6'	Summer	Moist to wet areas	Deep purple hood-like flowers. Leaves deeply lobed, maple-like. Very poisonous.
<i>Actaea rubra</i>	Red baneberry	1-3'	Early summer	Moist, shady places	Fluffy clusters of small white flowers followed by red berries which are poisonous. Leaves divided into 3 sharply toothed segments.
<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	Blue giant hyssop	2-4'	Summer	Prairies, open woodlands	Spikes of lavender to purple flowers attract pollinators. Aromatic, licorice scented leaves.
	Anise hyssop				
<i>Agastache urticifolia</i>	Nettleleaf horsemint	2-5'	Summer	Moist soils of open hillsides, canyons; along streambanks	Dense spike-like clusters of pink, purple or white flowers attract pollinators; aromatic foliage.
	Nettleleaf giant hyssop				

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<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>	Pearly everlasting	1-3'	Summer	Rocky slopes, open forests, meadows, roadsides	Flat-topped clusters of small yellow flowers surrounded by white papery bracts. Undersides of leaves covered by white, wooly hairs. Valued for dried floral arrangements.
<i>Allium cernuum</i>	Nodding onion	8-20"	Summer	Dry rocky sites, open woods, meadows	Bell-shaped pink flowers in a nodding cluster at top of stalk. Grass-like leaves.
<i>Antennaria rosea</i>	Rosy pussytoes	2-12"	Summer	Dry meadows, open forest, alpine meadows	Mat forming. Spoon shaped leaves coated with white hairs. Rounded heads of rosy-white flowers resemble kitten paws.
<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>	Spreading dogbane	6-20"	Summer	Dry, open forest, hillsides, rocky areas	Reddish stems contain milky sap. Clusters of small, pink bell-shaped flowers at ends of branches. Opposite leaves. Toxic to livestock.
<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	Red columbine	2-3'	Summer	Moist, shady places	Nodding, scarlet red and yellow flowers with 5 spurs bearing rounded tips. Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies.
	Western columbine				
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Kinnikinnick	1-2'	Spring	Dry meadows, open forest	Evergreen ground cover with pink bell-like blooms and occasionally red berries.
<i>Arnica cordifolia</i>	Heartleaf arnica	6-24"	Summer	Open woods	2-4 pairs of heart-shaped leaves. Flower heads of 10-15 yellow ray flowers with pointed tips.
<i>Asarum caudatum</i>	Wild ginger	4-6"	Late spring to mid-summer	Damp, shady places on forest floor	Evergreen, heart-shaped leaves. Spreads by rhizomes. Triangular maroon-brown flowers with long tails.

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<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	Showy milkweed	2-4'	Summer	Fields, roadsides, near streams	Globular clusters of pink to purple star-shaped flowers. Stems have milky sap. Long seed pods contain silky seeds. Food source for Monarch butterflies.
<i>Astragalus purshii</i>	Woolypod milkvetch	2-5"	Spring	Dry, open areas, forests	Flowers are pea-like and purple, pink or cream-colored. Leaves & stems covered w/ silky white hairs. Fuzzy, white seedpods.
<i>Aster occidentalis</i> <i>Symphotrichum spathulatum</i>	Western aster	1-2'	Late summer	Damp meadows, forest openings	Daisy-like blue to lavender flowers with yellow centers. Leaves linear with pointed tips.
<i>Balsamorhiza sagittata</i>	Arrowleaf balsamroot	1-2'	Spring	Hillsides, open woods	Clumps of large, velvety arrowhead shaped leaves. Deep, woody taproot. Bright yellow sunflower like blooms.
<i>Calypso bulbosa</i>	Fairyslipper	3-7"	Early summer	Shady, coniferous forests	One widely oval basal leaf. Solitary pink-purple flower. Lowest petal forms a spotted slipper-like lip. Should <b>never</b> be disturbed.
<i>Camassia quamash</i>	Camas	1-2'	Spring	Moist meadows	Long, slender grass-like leaves with spike of blue-purple flowers. Edible bulb.
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	Harebell Scotch bluebells	4-20"	Summer	Moist slopes, meadows, forest openings	Thin stems with thin, narrow leaves. Purplish-blue bell-shaped flowers hang from top of stem.
<i>Castilleja miniata</i>	Scarlet paintbrush	12-30"	Mid-summer	Open woods and meadows, grassy slopes	Bright red spike-like flower cluster resembles a brush dipped in paint. Semi-parasitic on roots of other plants.

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<i>Chamerion maculata</i>	Fireweed	2-5'	All summer	Open or disturbed sites, especially recent burns	Large spike of deep pink-purple flowers bloom from bottom to top. Seed pods with many fluffy white seeds.
<i>Claytonia lanceolata</i>	Western spring beauty	4-8"	Early spring	Moist meadows, slopes, woodlands	Small white to pink flowers with darker pink veins. Pair of narrow leaves below flower stem. Edible corm.
<i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i>	Western white clematis	To 50'	Mid-summer	Along streams, edges of farms, ponderosa pine forest	Woody, climbing vine. Clusters of white flowers; seeds with long, feathery tails. Male & female flowers on separate plants.
<i>Clematis occidentalis</i> <i>var. grosseserrata</i>	Columbia clematis	To 6'	Spring to summer	Shady forests, open woods	Climbing vine. Showy blue flowers have 4 petal-like sepals followed by white, fluffy, mop-shaped seed heads. Leaflets in 3's.
	Blue clematis				
<i>Coralorhiza maculata</i>	Spotted coralroot	8-20"	Early summer	Shaded, coniferous forests	Stems reddish. Small, red-brown to pink petals; lowest petal is larger and white with purple spots. Parasitic - roots feed on fungi.
<i>Collinsia parviflora</i>	Small-flowered blue-eyed Mary	2-15"	Early spring	Moist, open areas often in large colonies	Annual. Very small flowers. 2 upper lobes pale-blue to white, 3 lower lobes deep blue. Stems often reddish.
<i>Cornus canadensis</i>	Bunchberry	4-6"	Early summer	Moist forests	Leaves in a whorl of 4-6; topped with 4 white, petal-like bracts. Cluster of bright red berries in late summer.
	Dwarf dogwood				
<i>Cypripedium montanum</i>	Mountain lady's slipper	10-30"	Early summer	Mixed conifer forests in rich humus	Large, clasping leaves with parallel veins. 1-3 flowers have white pouch veined with purple. Upper petals & sepals copper-colored and twisted. Should <b>never</b> be disturbed.

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<i>Delphinium nuttallianum</i>	Upland larkspur	4-16"	Spring to early-summer	Sagebrush, grasslands, ponderosa pine	Leaves divided into 6-25 narrow lobes; purplish-blue flowers with long spur at the back; poisonous.
<i>Dodecatheon pulchellum</i>	Shooting star	6-16"	Spring	Moist soils, meadows, streambanks	Flowers resemble a colorful rocket with 5 magenta petals that flare backward from a white and yellow base.
<i>Erigeron compositus</i>	Cut-leaved daisy	4-10"	Early-mid summer	Gravelly riverbanks & dry plateaus in lower elevations to rocky outcrops high elev.	Ray flowers white, pink or purple with yellow disk flowers. Basal leaves highly divided and hairy.
<i>Erigeron filifolius</i>	Threadleaf fleabane	8-20"	Late spring to early summer	Dry, grassy areas, rocky, sandy soils, sagebrush	Leaves narrow, covered with white hairs. Flowers white, blue or pink with yellow centers.
	Threadleaf daisy				
<i>Erigeron linearis</i>	Desert yellow daisy	2-12"	Summer	Dry grasslands, sagebrush, rocky slopes	Very narrow leaves. 20-45 bright yellow ray flowers with yellow disks.
	Lineleaf fleabane				
<i>Eriogonum heracloides</i>	Parsnip-flowered buckwheat	6-18"	Late spring to mid-summer	Sandy or rocky slopes, sagebrush, ponderosa pine	Mat-forming. Clusters of cream-colored flowers tinged with pink. Usually a whorl of leaf-like bracts midway on stem.
<i>Eriogonum niveum</i>	Snow buckwheat	6-18"	Summer	Dry, open, rocky or sandy areas	Clumps of small, white to pinkish flowers along stalks covered with white hairs. Leaves, mostly basal, also covered with white hairs.

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<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>	Sulphur buckwheat	6-12"	Summer	Dry, rocky areas	Mat to small shrub with ball-like clusters of golden yellow flowers. Leaves spatula-shaped, wooly underneath. Many varieties.
<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i>	Oregon sunshine	4-24"	Spring to summer	Dry, rocky or sandy soils	Bright yellow sunflower-like flowers on long, hairy stems. Leaves also covered with fine, wooly hairs.
<i>Erythronium grandiflora</i>	Yellow avalanche lily	6-12"	Early spring	Meadows, forest openings just after snowmelt	Usually a single bright yellow, nodding flower grows from a pair of glossy, green leaves.
	Glacier lily				
<i>Frasera albicaulis</i>	Whitestem frasera	12-30"	Late spring to midsummer	Dry, open rocky areas from low to high elevations	Flowers have 4 pale blue or white petals in a dense cluster. Leaves have white margins and 3 veins.
<i>Frasera speciosa</i>	Monument plant	2-7'	Summer	Moist sites - mountain meadows and open slopes	Very tall and showy. Flowers greenish-white with purple spots on a long spike. Large basal rosette of leaves. Leaves on stem are smaller with pointed tips.
	Green gentian				
	Elkweed				
<i>Fritillaria affinis</i>	Checker lily	1-2'	Spring	Grasslands, meadows, open woodlands	Distinctive hanging, bell-shaped dark purple flowers with green and yellow mottling on inner & outer surface of petals. Leaves linear.
	Chocolate lily				
<i>Fritillaria pudica</i>	Yellow bells	4-10"	Early spring	Grasslands, sagebrush, ponderosa pine	Usually 1 yellow, nodding, bell-shaped flower at top of stem.

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<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>	Blanket flower	12-30"	Summer	Dry sites - grasslands, meadows, open forests	Bright yellow ray flowers are 3 lobed at tip and usually purple at base with reddish to purple center. Many cultivars for gardeners.
<i>Geum triflorum</i>	Prairie smoke	6-20"	Summer	Sagebrush, ponderosa pine, gravelly slopes	Basal leaves fernlike. Usually 3 nodding, pink-lavender bell-shaped flowers per stem. Distinctive long, feathery purplish seed heads.
	Old man's whiskers				
<i>Gentiana affinis</i>	Pleated gentian	4-20"	Summer	Moist meadows from lowlands to mountains	Funnel shaped deep blue flowers are tubular with green dots inside.
	Prairie gentian				
<i>Geranium viscosissimum</i>	Sticky geranium	1-3'	Late spring to early summer	Meadows, open forests, grassland	5 pink to purple petals with red to purple veins. Stems and deeply lobed palm-shaped leaves covered with sticky hairs.
<i>Heuchera cylindrical</i>	Roundleaf alumroot	5-34"	Late spring to early summer	Rocky slopes and cliffs, dry open forest	Basal leaves oval, shallow lobed with round teeth. Spike of cream-colored bell-shaped flowers atop a leafless stem.
<i>Hydrophyllum capitatum</i>	Ballhead waterleaf	4-16"	Spring	Moist sites in woodlands and hillsides	Leaves divided into 5-7 lobes. Violet-blue flowers in a ball shape with stamens extending outward. Often hidden under leaves.
<i>Ipomopsis aggregata</i>	Scarlet gilia	1-3'	Midsummer	Dry meadows, rocky slopes, open woodlands	Brilliant red, trumpet shaped flowers at top of stem which open out to 5 pointed lobes. Basal leaves highly divided. Stems sticky.

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<i>Lewisia rediviva</i>	Bitterroot	1-3"	Spring	Dry, rocky soils	Rosette of narrow, fleshy leaves from a thick taproot. Flowers rose, pink or white. Montana's state flower.
<i>Linnaea borealis</i>	Twinflower	2-6"	Summer	Moist, shady woods	Creeping, evergreen vine. Fragrant, pale pink, nodding, trumpet shaped flowers in pairs at top of stem. Leaves oval, shiny.
<i>Linum lewisii</i>	Blue flax	1-2'	Summer	Dry grasslands, sagebrush, ridges, open slopes & forests	Delicate sky-blue flowers with 5 petals atop slender, nodding stems. Small, narrow leaves. Fibrous stems have many uses.
<i>Lithophragma parviflorum</i>	Woodland star	4-12"	Spring	Grassland, sagebrush, ponderosa pine	Small white or pink flowers divided into 3 lobes atop very slender stems. Basal leaves deeply divided.
	Prairie star				
<i>Lithospermum ruderale</i>	Columbia puccoon	8-20"	Spring - early summer	Dry hillsides, open forests and grasslands	Stems & leaves covered with coarse hairs. Leaves linear to lance shaped. Small pale yellow flowers in clusters in upper leaves.
	Western gromwell				
<i>Lomatium spp.</i>	Desert parsley	Varies	Spring	Dry, rocky, open areas	Blooms are umbrella shaped. Leaves highly dissected. Roots edible. Many species common to our area. Yellow blooms include: <i>L. ambiguum</i> , <i>L. grayi</i> , <i>L. triternatum</i> . White blooms: <i>L. gormanii</i> , <i>L. macrocarpa</i> . Purple blooms - <i>L. dissecta</i> .
	Biscuitroot				
<i>Lonicera ciliosa</i>	Orange honeysuckle	6-18'	Summer	Forests and thickets	Climbing vine. Opposite leaves with whitish bloom below. Orange trumpet-shaped flowers in clusters just above upper pair of fused leaves. Nectar source for hummingbirds and butterflies.



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<i>Lupinus polyphyllus</i>	Bigleaf lupine	2-4'	Early summer	Moist places - forests, meadows, streambanks	Leaves palmate with 5-17 bright green leaflets. Tall spike of blue or lavender pea-like flowers. Many varieties.
<i>Lupinus sericeus</i>	Silky lupine	8-24"	Summer	Sagebrush, ponderosa pine, dry grasslands	Palmate leaves with 7-9 leaflets covered with silky hairs. Spikes of pea-like flowers usually blue to lavender. Poisonous to livestock.
<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>	False Solomon's seal	1-3'	Late spring to early summer	Moist woods	Masses of tiny white flowers in pyramidal clusters at end of stem. Large glossy leaves with parallel veins. Red berries in fall.
<i>Maianthemum stellatum</i>	Star-flowered Solomon's seal	1-2'	Late-spring to early summer	Moist woods	Smooth leaves with parallel veins. Star-shaped white flowers at end of stem. Greenish-yellow berries turn blue or black with age.
<i>Mertensia longiflora</i>	Long-flowered bluebells	2-6"	Early spring	Open areas - ponderosa pine, grasslands, sagebrush	Drooping clusters of tubular deep blue flowers at top of stem.
	Small bluebells				
<i>Mertensia paniculata</i>	Tall bluebells	2-4'	Early summer	Moist meadows and woods	Blue flowers in loose cluster among top leaves. Flower a short tube flaring into a bell-shape with 5 lobes. Leaves have prominent veins.
<i>Mimulus guttatus</i>	Yellow monkey-flower	2-24"	Summer	Wet places	Bright yellow 'snapdragon' flower with red dots on lower lobe. Oval leaves with coarsely toothed edges.

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<i>Olsynium douglasii</i> var. <i>inflatum</i>	Grass widow	6-12"	Early spring	Ponderosa pine, sagebrush	Erect clumps of grass-like leaves with nodding purplish-red flowers. One of the earliest to bloom in the Spokane area.
<i>Penstemon</i> spp.	Penstemon	Varies	Summer	Dry, rocky areas	Tubular flowers with a 2-lobed upper lip and 3-lobed lower lip. 4 fertile stamens; 1 infertile which is often hairy. Flowers can be blue, purple, pink, yellow, or cream. Found in Spokane area: <i>P. deustus</i> , <i>P. richardsonii</i> , <i>P. confertus</i> , <i>P. attenuatus</i> , <i>P. procerus</i> , and <i>P. speciosus</i> .
<i>Phlox diffusa</i>	Spreading phlox	1-4"	Late spring to early summer	Rocky soils in dry, open areas at all elevations	Ground hugging mat of small, spiny leaves. 5-petalled flowers can be pink, lavender, or white.
<i>Phlox longiflora</i>	Longleaf phlox	4-16"	Late spring to early summer	Dry, rocky areas - ponderosa pine, sagebrush	Leaves narrow, to 3" long with pointed tips. 5-petalled, notched flowers on thin stalks in white, pink or lavender w/ white inner eye.
<i>Polemonium pulcherrimum</i>	Showy Jacob's ladder	3-12"	Summer	Dry, rocky areas at mid-high elevations	Leaves divided into 9-21 paired leaflets with skunk-like odor. Showy clusters of blue flowers with yellow centers.
<i>Potentilla glandulosa</i> <i>Drymocallis glandulosa</i>	Sticky cinquefoil	1-3'	Summer	Grasslands; dry, open forests	Stems covered w/ sticky hairs. Basal leaves divided into 5-9 leaflets. Flowers w/ 5 yellow-cream petals w/ 5 pointed green sepals below.

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<i>Potentilla gracilis</i>	Slender cinquefoil	1-2'	Summer	Meadows, open forests, grasslands, roadsides	Leaves divided into 5-9 sharply toothed leaflets, densely hairy on underside. Pale to bright yellow flowers in open clusters. Variable.
<i>Prosartes hookeri</i> <i>Disporum hookeri</i>	Hooker's fairybells	12-30"	Late spring	Moist, shady forests	Creamy white bell-shaped flowers droop in clusters of 1-3 at tips of stems. Clasping leaves w/ parallel veins. Orange to red berry.
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Self-heal	4-16"	Late spring to early summer	Moist places - roadsides, disturbed soils	Purple to pink flowers in a short, dense squarish spike. Upper lip hood-like; lower lip 3 lobed with middle lobe fringed.
<i>Ranunculus glaberrimus</i>	Sagebrush buttercup	2-6"	Early spring	Sagebrush, conifer forest	Shiny yellow flowers. One of the earliest to bloom in the Spokane area. Leaves can be entire or deeply 3-lobed.
<i>Scutellaria angustifolia</i>	Narrowleaf skullcap	4-12"	Late spring to early summer	Meadows, shrub-steppe, often moist, rocky areas	2 lipped tubular blue to violet flowers grow on upper stem in leaf axils. Stems and leaves coated with small hairs.
<i>Sedum lanceolatum</i>	Lanceleaf stonecrop	1-8"	Summer	Rocky outcrops and soils at mid to high elevations	Rosettes of lance-shaped succulent leaves. Yellow flowers with 5 petals which are lance-shaped and pointed.
<i>Sedum stenopetalum</i>	Wormleaf stonecrop	2-8"	Summer	Dry, rocky areas from valleys to subalpine heights	Thin worm-like leaves with keel on lower side are lance shaped and taper to a point. Flowers with 5 bright yellow lance-shaped petals.
<i>Sisyrinchium idahoense</i>	Idaho blue-eyed grass	4-16"	Late spring to summer	Moist meadows and woodlands	Clump of grass-like leaves. Leafless stem topped by a cluster of blue violet flowers with a yellow center.

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<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Canada goldenrod	2-5'	Mid-late summer	Meadows & forests from lowland to lower mountains.	Large plumes of small, golden-yellow flowers attract pollinators. Many stem leaves, lance-shaped and toothed.
<i>Trillium ovatum</i>	Western trillium	4-18"	Spring	Moist, shady woods	A single white flower with 3 petals sits above 3 broad, oval leaves. White flowers age to pink.
<i>Triteleia grandiflora</i>	Large-flowered tritelia	1-2'	Late spring to early summer	Meadows, hillsides, grasslands, ponderosa pine	2-3 grass-like leaves topped by a cluster of pale to deep blue tubular flowers with a deeper blue-purple midvein.
	Wild hyacinth				
<i>Xenophyllum tenax</i>	Beargrass	1-5'	Summer	Open forests, meadows, clearings. Mid-high elevations	Large clump of wiry, grass-like leaves. Small, creamy-white flowers in a large showy plume on a long stem.
<i>Zigadenus paniculatus</i>	Foothill death camas	1-2'	Spring to mid-summer	Foothills, dry forests, sagebrush	Basal, v-creased grass-like leaves. Branched cluster of white to yellowish flowers with orange stamens. Very poisonous.
<i>Toxicoscordion paniculatum</i>					
<i>Zigadenus venenosus</i>	Meadow death camas	6-18"	Late spring to early summer	Wet meadows, hillsides	Long, grass-like leaves w/ keel on underside. Spike of creamy white flowers have yellow-green glands at base of petals. Very poisonous.
<i>Toxicoscordion venenosum</i>					