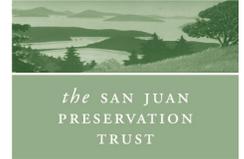




## SPECIES DESCRIPTIONS

SALISH SEEDS PROJECT

PLANT SALE SEPT. 23, 2018



**Deer love native plants too!**

**For best results, provide deer protection.**

**California oatgrass (*Danthonia californica*):** This small bunch-forming grass grows about 6 inches high and forms graceful seedheads in summer. It prefers somewhat moist soil but can handle dry conditions in summer. Plant in full sun. California oatgrass looks great interplanted with wildflowers. Perennial.

**Douglas aster (*Symphiotrichum subspicatum*):** Douglas aster's mass of pale purple blooms appear August - September, and is very popular with bees, butterflies, and other insects. Douglas aster benefits from moist soil in spring and early summer, but can tolerate later summer drought. Give it space and a sunny location and it will grow over 2 feet tall and spread widely. Perennial.

**Field chickweed (*Cerastium arvense*):** Not to be confused with the weedy garden chickweed, field chickweed forms a 6 inch tall spreading mat of silvery green foliage, topped with pretty white flowers in spring. It prefers full sun and average, well-drained soil. Drought-tolerant, good for rockeries. Perennial.

**Garry oak (*Quercus garryana*):** Also known as Oregon white oak, this grand tree can eventually reach over 50 feet tall and broad. Be sure to plant in full sun with room to grow, protect from deer while young, and provide water during the first summer. Fall is the best time to plant. Once established, Garry oak is very drought tolerant and is a great tree for birds and other wildlife.

**Great camas (*Camassia leichtlinii*):** The bulb of great camas was a staple food crop for Coast Salish people. Its deep purple flowers are a delight each spring. Plant bulbs 3 - 4 inches deep in a sunny location. Camas does well in soils that are moist in winter and spring, but dry out in summer. Bulbs will multiply over time. Plants are 1 - 1.5 feet tall. Perennial.

**Harsh Indian paintbrush (*Castilleja hispida*):** Indian paintbrush likes to grow in a sunny, well-drained soil with other wildflower and native grass companions. Flowers appear in spring in shades of red and orange. Plants are around 1 - 1.5 feet tall. Perennial.

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**Henderson's checkermallow:** Found in the wild in coastal saltmarsh habitats, Henderson's checkermallow thrives in cultivation in moist soil with full sun. Related to hollyhocks and cultivated mallows, this species has showy spikes of pink flowers in early summer. Plants can grow 2 feet tall. Perennial.

**Idaho blue-eyed grass (*Sisyrinchium idahoense*):** Not a grass at all but a member of the iris family, this clump-forming species has pretty blue star-like flowers in late spring. Idaho blue-eyed grass prefers moist soil in spring but tolerates summer drought. Plant in full sun. Plants grow 6 - 8 inches tall. Perennial.

**Nodding onion (*Allium cernuum*):** This wonderful wild onion forms a clump similar to chives, with graceful drooping flowers appearing in late spring to summer. It likes full sun and well-drained soil. Great pollinator plant. It's also edible. Height about 1 foot. Perennial.

**Roemer's fescue (*Festuca roemerii*):** Roemer's fescue is a tidy, bunch-forming grass with bluish to green foliage. Interplant with wildflowers for a native meadow look. Plants grow about 8 inches tall. Drought-tolerant. Perennial.

**Sea blush (*Plectritis congesta*):** Sow sea-blush seed in early fall, and be rewarded in spring with a display of deep pink, fragrant flowers attractive to pollinators. Sea blush does fine in average and poor soil as long as it's well-drained. Self-seeding annual.

**Western columbine (*Aquilegia formosa*):** Beautiful red and yellow flowers appear on western columbine in late spring, attracting both hummingbirds and bumblebees. Plant in full sun to partial shade, in average soil. This plant is suitable for either a woodland or meadow setting. Plants can reach 2 - 3 feet high in bloom. Perennial.

**Woolly sunflower or Oregon sunshine (*Eriophyllum lanatum*):** A mat-forming species with gray-green foliage, woolly sunflower makes a cheerful display of yellow in early summer. Plants grow about 1 foot high and will spread widely if you let them. Full sun, well-drained soil, this plant is a good choice for a rockery. Perennial.

### ***What is the Salish Seeds Project?***

The Salish Seeds Project produces plants and seeds of San Juan County wildflowers and grasses. For more information, contact Eliza Habegger at 360-370-7653 or [elizah@sjclandbank.org](mailto:elizah@sjclandbank.org).