



2024 Fall Native Wildflower Sale Plant Guide

The [San Juan County Conservation Land Bank](#) hosts this yearly opportunity to buy plants native to San Juan County. **Reserve your plants online September 15 - 20, and pick them up on Saturday, October 5 at designated locations on San Juan, Lopez, and Orcas Islands.** Plants are produced by the [Salish Seeds Project](#), a joint program of the Land Bank and the [San Juan Preservation Trust](#). Most plants come in plant-able, fully biodegradable CowPots. New this year, you'll also find two types of Pollinator Garden Kits, each suitable for planting 100 square feet.

The online plant sale will go live at 9 am on Sunday, September 15. To access the sale, click the **WILDFLOWER SALE** tab in the menu bar of the Land Bank's website sjclandbank.org. *Plants sell out quickly; order early for the best selection.*

If you have a question or need help, contact Tanja Williamson at 360-378-4402 or email tanjaw@sjclandbank.org.

PLANTS, SEEDS, AND POLLINATOR GARDEN KITS



4" pot.

Blue wild-rye (*Elymus glaucus*): This vigorous, tall, perennial bunchgrass grows locally in prairies and the edges of woodlands. It's deer-resistant and drought-tolerant. Plant in full sun to part-shade in well-drained soil. Flowering stalks can be 3 feet or more tall. Interplant with robust native perennials to create a tall, wild meadow or border. **\$5 for a**



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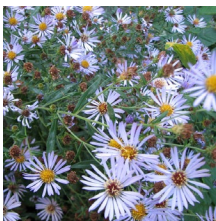
Broadleaf sedum (*Sedum spathulifolium*): Broadleaf sedum thrives in the wild on rocks, very thin soils, and coastal bluffs. Gray-green succulent vegetation contrasts with bright yellow flowers in late spring. Deer-resistant and extremely drought-tolerant. Full sun to part shade. Perennial. **\$4 for a 4" pot.**



California oatgrass (*Danthonia californica*): California oatgrass is a lovely addition to native meadow plantings. Low-growing bunchgrasses develop gracefully drooping flowering heads in mid-summer. California oatgrass likes well-drained soil but is adaptable to a variety of moisture conditions and is drought-tolerant and deer-resistant. Full sun is best. Perennial. **\$6 for a 4" pot.**



Canada goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*): Spikes of rich golden blooms attract masses of bees and other insects in late summer. Canada goldenrod benefits from moist soil in spring and early summer but tolerates later summer drought. It shines in a sunny location with Douglas aster and pearly everlasting. Plants spread via underground rhizomes. 2 – 4 feet tall. Perennial – give it plenty of space! **\$5 for a 4" pot.**



Douglas aster (*Symphiotrichum subspicatum*): Douglas aster's cloud of pale purple blooms appears in late summer, and is very popular with bees, butterflies, and other insects. Douglas aster benefits from moist soil in spring and early summer, but it tolerates later summer drought. Give it space and a sunny location and it will grow over 2 feet tall and spread widely. Aster is a great companion for goldenrod and pearly everlasting. Perennial. **\$6 for a 4" pot.**



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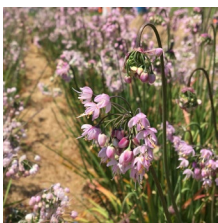
Field chickweed (*Cerastium arvense*): Not to be confused with the weedy garden chickweed, field chickweed forms a low, spreading mat of silvery green foliage, topped with pretty white flowers in spring. It prefers full sun and average, well-drained soil. Drought-tolerant, deer-resistant, good for rockeries. Perennial. **\$4 for a 4" pot.**



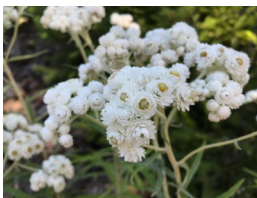
Henderson's checkermallow (*Sidalcea hendersonii*): In the wild, Henderson's checkermallow grows in coastal wetlands, but can thrive in many garden environments, too. It likes full sun, deep soil, and a generous amount of spring moisture. This relative of hollyhocks can grow 1-3 feet tall, depending on conditions. Deer don't bother the leaves much but will eat the pretty flowers. Perennial. **\$6 for a 4" pot.**



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. Great companion to yellow-eyed grass. Idaho blue-eyed grass prefers moist soil in spring but tolerates summer drought. Plant in full sun. Plants grow about 6 - 10 inches tall. Deer-resistant. Perennial. **\$5 for a 4" pot.**



Nodding onion (*Allium cernuum*): This delightful wild onion forms a tidy clump similar to chives, with graceful pink flower clusters in late spring to summer. It likes full sun and well-drained soil. Great ornamental and pollinator plant. It's also edible. Height about 1 foot. Perennial. **\$5 for a 4" pot.**



Pearly everlasting (*Anaphalis margaritaceae*): True to its name, Pearly everlasting's papery white blooms appear in late summer but last for weeks and can be easily dried for indoor display. It enjoys full sun and some moisture early in the season but tolerates later summer drought. Plant it with Douglas aster and Canada goldenrod for a late summer display and pollinator feast. Height about 2-3 feet. Deer-resistant. Perennial. **\$6 for a 4" pot.**



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Prairie woodrush (*Luzula subsessilis*): This small grass-like plant is under 1 foot tall and is a great choice for mixing with wildflowers and grasses in a meadow or prairie setting. Choose full sun to part-shade and average, well-drained soil. Deer-resistant. Perennial. **\$4 for a 4" pot.**



Puget Sound gumweed (*Grindelia integrifolia*): Common on rocky shorelines, Puget Sound gumweed will also thrive in non-coastal sunny sites with well-drained soil. 1 to 2 feet tall in bloom, it features a mounding habit and one or more flushes of bright yellow blooms in summer through early fall. Very drought-tolerant and deer-resistant. Perennial. **\$5 for a 4" pot.**



Red-flowering currant (*Ribes sanguineum*): Who doesn't love red-flowering currant? Its dangling clusters of pink to red blossoms appear in earliest spring, lifting winter's gloom. Flowers offer nectar to bees and returning hummingbirds. A variety of birds enjoy the summer berries. Choose a site with sun to partial shade and well-drained soil. Although red-flowering currant is somewhat deer-resistant, it's best to protect the plants for the first few years while they get established. **\$6 for a 1-year-old potted plant.**



Red fescue (*Festuca rubra*): A sister to Roemer's fescue below, San Juan County's native red fescue grows in coastal grasslands, but it will do quite well in most garden situations with average, well-drained soil. Interplant it with wildflowers for a native meadow. Foliage grows about 8 - 10 inches tall with much taller flowering stalks. Deer-resistant. Perennial. Red fescue is especially suitable for shoreline plantings as it can tolerate some salt-spray. **\$4 for a 4" pot.**



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Roemer's fescue (*Festuca roemerii*): This tidy, clump-forming grass is a mainstay for planting with wildflowers to create native prairies and meadows. Blueish to green foliage grows about 8 - 10 inches tall with much taller flowering stalks. Average, well-drained soil is fine for Roemer's fescue. Deer-resistant. Perennial. **\$4 for a 4" pot.**



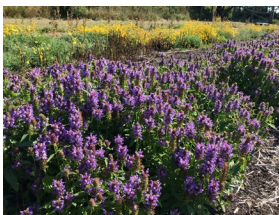
Sea blush (*Plectritis congesta*): Sea blush is a lovely, easy to grow annual wildflower. Sow seed either in early fall or early spring and be rewarded with a spring display of deep pink, fragrant flowers that are attractive to pollinators. Sea blush does fine in thin, average and poor soils. Sun to part shade. Deer-resistant. Plants die back in summer but will reseed readily if bare ground is available. **\$5 for a seed packet.**



Sea thrift (*Armeria maritima*): Found in the wild on coastal bluffs and beaches, sea thrift will also do well in sunny, well-drained garden sites or rockeries with average soil. Plants form tidy mounds less than 1 foot high, with ball-headed clusters of pink flowers in spring. Various cultivars of this plant are available from nurseries; ours is native to the San Juan Islands. Deer-resistant and highly drought-tolerant. Perennial. **\$4 for a 4" pot.**



Seashore Lupine (*Lupinus littoralis*): Rugged, long-blooming seashore lupine grows in the wild on sandy coastal sites. It will do well inland, too, provided there's full sun and very well-drained soil. Plants are mounded and low-growing, about 1 - 1.5 feet in height, with flowers in shades of purple. Deer-resistant. Perennial. **\$6 for a 4" pot.**



Self-heal (*Prunella vulgaris* var. *lanceolata*): Easy-to-grow self-heal attracts pollinators with spikes of purple flowers in summer. It prefers some extra spring moisture but is also tolerant of summer drought. Plant in full sun to partial shade, average soil. Plants are low-growing, about 1 - 1.5 feet in height. Deer-resistant. Perennial. **\$5 for a 4" pot.**



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Showy fleabane (*Erigeron speciosus*): Charming purple aster-like flowers. This lovely plant grows in the native prairies of Whidbey Island and the Gulf Islands, so should do well in the San Juans, too (our stock was grown from Whidbey Island seed). Showy fleabane prefers sun and well-drained, average soil. 1 -2 feet tall. Perennial. **\$5 for a 4" pot.**



Western columbine (*Aquilegia formosa*): Elegant red and yellow flowers appear on western columbine in late spring, attracting both hummingbirds and bumblebees. Plant in full sun to partial shade, average soil. Plants can reach 2 - 3 feet high in bloom. Perennial. **\$6 for a 4" pot.**



Western buttercup (*Ranunculus occidentalis*): Bright yellow buttercups brighten our native woodlands, balds, and coastal grasslands every April. Deer-resistant. Well-drained soil, sun to part shade. Good companions include field chickweed, sea blush, and other low-growing flowers. Perennial. **\$5 for a 4" pot.**



Western dog violet (*Viola adunca*): This pretty purple violet blooms in spring. Native violet leaves are the larval food plant of fritillary butterflies. Plant in full sun to partial shade, average soil. Plants are spreading and about 6 inches high. Perennial. **\$6 for a 4" pot.**



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Wildflower meadow mix: This special seed mix of over 20 local, native wildflowers feeds pollinators from spring through late summer in shades of purple, pink, yellow, and white. Annuals, perennials, and grasses are included in a balanced combination. Some are deer-resistant, some are not. Be sure to sow in well-drained, bare soil – *free of other seeds as much as possible* - and a mostly sunny location. This mix should be sown in early fall. Full instructions will be provided with the seed packet. **\$18 for a 100 ft² packet.**



Woolly sunflower or Oregon sunshine (*Eriophyllum lanatum*): A mat-forming species with gray-green foliage, woolly sunflower makes a cheerful splash of yellow in early summer. Plants grow about 1 foot high and will spread widely if given space. Full sun, well-drained soil, this plant is a good choice for a rockery. Perennial. **\$5 for a 4" pot.**



Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*): This cheerful, well-known wildflower is adaptable to a wide range of conditions. It has beautiful, feathery, fragrant foliage and long-lasting white flowers in summer. Drought-tolerant and deer-resistant. Perennial. **\$4 for a 4" pot.**



Yellow-eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium californicum*): Yellow-eyed grass is a wonderful companion to Idaho blue-eyed grass. Bright yellow star-like flowers appear in late spring. Plants prefer full sun and moist soil in spring but can tolerate summer drought. Plants grow up to a foot tall. Deer-resistant. Perennial. **\$5 for a 4" pot.**



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Pollinator Garden Kit 1: Low-growing plants for dry sites. \$88 per kit.

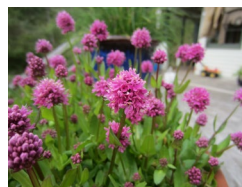
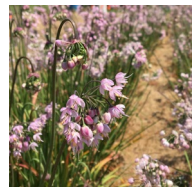
Deer-resistant and drought-tolerant plants suitable for well-drained, thin, and rocky soils.

Sun: Full sun

Moisture: medium, dry

Height: 4" – 18"

Blooms: April – July



This kit will plant 100 sq. ft. and includes 98 plugs (small plants) of Puget Sound gumweed, woolly sunflower, field chickweed, nodding onion, yarrow, Roemer's fescue, and a packet of sea blush seed. Instructions included with kit.



Pollinator Garden Kit 2: Medium-tall plants for sites with moderate moisture. \$95 per kit.

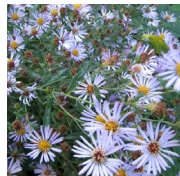
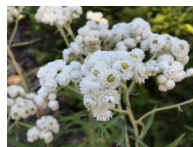
Deer-resistant and late summer drought-tolerant, this mix appreciates somewhat deeper soil with more moisture than Kit 1.

Sun: Full sun

Moisture: medium. Spring moist, summer dry.

Height: 12" – 48"

Blooms: May - August



This kit will plant 100 sq. ft. and includes 98 plugs (small plants) of self-heal, Douglas aster, Canada goldenrod, pearly everlasting, yarrow, Roemer's fescue, and a packet of farewell-to-spring seed. Instructions included with kit.