

# LOCAL SOURCES for NATIVE PLANTS

Tacoma Metro Parks Nature Center  
**Fall & Spring Sale**  
1919 South Tyler, Tacoma, WA 98405  
T: 253-591-6439  
[www.metroparkstacoma.org/events.php](http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/events.php)

Pierce County Conservation District  
**Annual Native Plant Sale**  
WACD Plant Materials Center  
1410 Bradley Road, Bow, WA 98232  
T: 253-845-9770  
[www.piercecountycd.org](http://www.piercecountycd.org)

**Garden Sphere**  
3310 North Proctor, Tacoma, WA 98407  
T: 253-761-7936  
[www.gardensphere.biz](http://www.gardensphere.biz)

**Woodbrook Nursery**  
Gig Harbor, WA 98335  
T: 253-265-6271 F: 253-265-6471  
[www.woodbrook.net](http://www.woodbrook.net)

**Judd Creek Nursery**  
20929 111th Ave. SW, Vashon Island, WA 98070  
T: 206-463-9641 (*call for appointment*)  
[jb4juddcreek@webtv.net](mailto:jb4juddcreek@webtv.net)

**Colvos Creek Nursery**  
PO Box 1512, Vashon, WA 98070  
T: 206-749-9508 F: 206-749-0446  
[mllamindspring.com](http://mllamindspring.com)

**Peninsula Gardens**  
5502 Wollochet Drive NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335  
T: 253-858115 F: 253-851-8104  
[www.peninsulagardens.com](http://www.peninsulagardens.com)

**Furney's Nursery**  
21315 Pacific Hwy S, Des Moines, WA 98198-6097  
T: 206-624-0634 F: 206-878-0673  
[www.furneysnursery.com](http://www.furneysnursery.com)



**Black Lake Nursery**  
4711 Black Lake Blvd. SW, Olympia, WA 98512  
T: 360-786-0537 F: 360-357-6236  
[www.blacklakeorganic.com](http://www.blacklakeorganic.com)

**Sounds Native Plants**  
*Retail & wholesale by appointment*  
PO Box 7505, Olympia, WA 98507  
T: 360-352-4122 F: 360-867-0007  
[www.soundnativeplants.com](http://www.soundnativeplants.com)

**Inside Passage**  
*Specialty seed service, mail order, retail, wholesale*  
PO Box 639, Port Townsend, WA 98368-0639  
T: 360-385-6114 or 1-800-361-9657  
F: 360-385-5760  
[www.insidepassageseeds.com](http://www.insidepassageseeds.com)

**Frosty Hollow Ecological Restoration & Seeds**  
*Mail order, retail & wholesale by appointment*  
PO Box 53, Island County, Langley, WA 98260-0053  
T: 360-579-2332 F: 360-579-4080  
[wean@whidbey.net](mailto:wean@whidbey.net)

For more native plant sources visit:  
[www.wnps.org/nurserylist.html](http://www.wnps.org/nurserylist.html)

## NATIVE PLANTS REFERENCES

The following books will further your knowledge of the native plants of our region and help you choose the right plants for your gardening projects:

*Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast: Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, and Alaska*  
by Jim Pojar and Andy MacKinnon

*Gardening with Native Plants of the Pacific Northwest*  
by Arthur Kruckeberg

*Native Plants in the Coastal Garden: A Guide for Gardeners in the Pacific Northwest*  
by April Pettinger

*Landscaping for Wildlife in the Pacific Northwest*  
by Russell Link

*Artwork by Lucia Harrison*

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### WHAT ARE NATIVE PLANTS?

Native plants are plants that occur naturally in a region. Non-native plants are often called "exotic plants" or "introduced plants".

### WHY USE NATIVE PLANTS?

The plants native to a region have grown alongside the native insects, fungi, plant diseases, wildlife, and other native plants for thousands of years. This long-time association has produced a complex web of interrelationships, by which the native plant may depend upon numerous other native organisms to survive and flourish, and a multitude of native organisms may, in turn, depend upon that native plant to survive.

In the process, native plants have evolved the ability to attract native animals that benefit them (such as pollinating and seed-dispersing insects and birds), and repel or survive native organisms that harm them (such as plant viruses and munching insects).

As a result, native plants often attract a wider variety of native animals than do exotic plants. In addition, the plants native to an area are adapted to growing in a region's soils and climate, and so generally require less maintenance (such as watering) than do non-natives. (*Reprinted from Washington State University Website*)

## DONATIONS

Donations for the care, upkeep and renovation of this garden are gratefully accepted.

Please send checks to:

The Tacoma Garden Club  
Native Plant Garden Project  
PO Box 64235, Tacoma, WA 98464-0235

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# GUIDE TO THE POINT DEFIANCE Northwest Native Plant Garden



Thimbleberry *Rubus parviflorus*

The Northwest Native Plant Garden is an ongoing project of The Tacoma Garden Club. Started in 1963 the garden displays a wide variety of Northwest native plants. It is maintained by the Tacoma Garden Club in cooperation with Metro Parks Tacoma.

This guide is meant to help you meander through the garden at your own pace. Each season will reveal its own treasure. Also included is a list of local nurseries where native plants might be purchased. We hope that you will be inspired to choose native plants in your next gardening projects.

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## The Forest Garden

### *Semi shade*

#### Canopy:

Douglas fir *Pseudotsuga menziesii*  
Grand fir *Abies grandis*  
Western hemlock *Tsuga heterophylla*  
Western red cedar *Thuja plicata*  
Big leaf maple *Acer macrophyllum*

#### Understory:

Vine maple *Acer circinatum*  
Pacific dogwood *Cornus nuttallii*  
Pacific rhododendron *Rhododendron macrophyllum*  
Evergreen huckleberry *Vaccinium ovatum*  
Red huckleberry *Vaccinium parvifolium*  
False azalea *Menziesia ferruginea*

#### Groundcovers:

Salal *Gaultheria shallon*  
Sword fern *Polystichum munitum*  
Low Oregon grape *Mahonia nervosa*  
Bunchberry *Cornus canadensis*  
Wild ginger *Asarum caudatum*  
Vanilla leaf *Achlys triphylla*  
Trillium *Trillium ovatum*

## The Pond Garden

### Wet areas:

Dagger leaf rush *Juncus ensifolius*  
Elephant head *Pedicularis groenlandicus*  
Wapato *Sagittaria latifolia*  
Cotton grass *Eriophorum chamissonis*  
Woodrush *Luzula parviflora* or *L. piperi*  
Skunk cabbage *Lysichiton americanum*

### Margin areas:

Douglas spirea *Spiraea douglassii*  
California wax myrtle *Myrica californica*  
Salmonberry *Rubus spectabilis*  
Ledum *Ledum groenlandicum* and *L. glandulosum*  
Goat's beard *Aruncus dioicus*  
Monkshood *Aconitum columbianum*

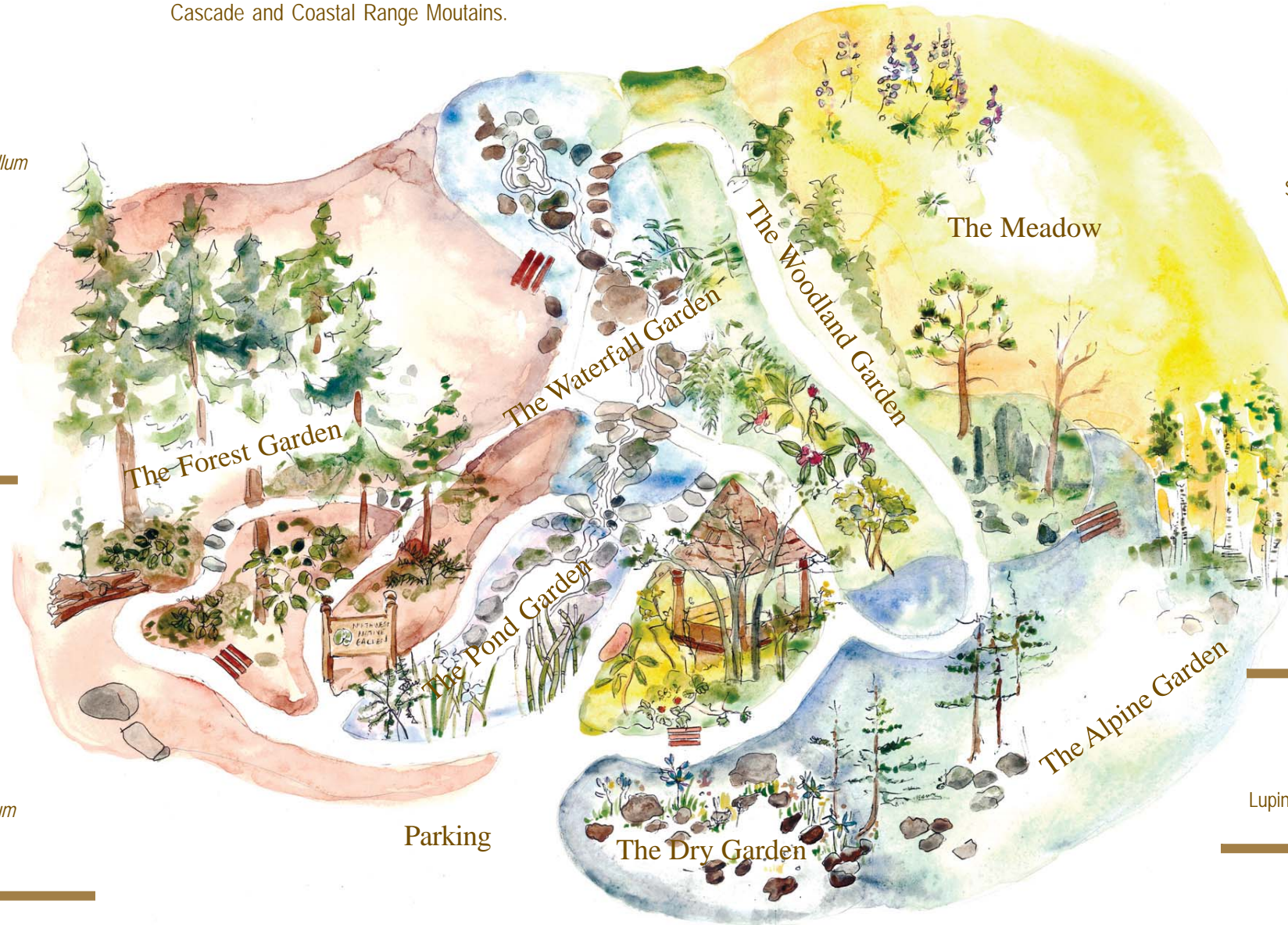
## The Dry Garden

Hairy manzanita *Arctostaphylos columbiana*  
Kinnickinnick *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*  
Oceanspray *Holodiscus discolor*  
Stonecrop *Sedum oregonum*

# The Northwest Native Plant Garden

The Northwest Native Plant Garden includes plants from a region that ranges from Northern California to British Columbia, and from the Pacific Coast to the Cascade and Coastal Range Mountains.

*This garden has been created for all to enjoy.  
Please leave it the way you found it!*



We hope you enjoy spending time in the company of the native plants, birds and animals that make their home here.

The garden is intended to be a retreat from the city, and to display techniques for gardening with native plants.

## The Waterfall Garden

### *Moist shade*

Devil's club *Oplopanax horridus*  
Hazelnut *Corylus cornuta*  
Highbush cranberry *Viburnum edule*  
Twinberry *Lonicera involucrata*  
Western meadowrue *Thalictrum occidentale*  
Maidenhair fern *Adiantum pedatum*  
False Solomon's seal *Smilacina racemosa*  
Pacific bleeding heart *Dicentra formosa*  
Red columbine *Aquilegia formosa*  
Vancouveria *Vancouveria hexandra*  
Shooting stars *Dodecatheon jeffreyi* or *D. pulchellum*  
Monkey flower *Mimulus guttatus*  
False lily-of-the-valley *Maianthemum dilatatum*  
Fringe cup *Tellima grandiflora*  
Foam flower *Tolmia menziesii*

## The Woodland Garden

### *Dry shade*

#### Understory:

Pacific dogwood *Cornus nuttallii*  
Mountain ash *Sorbus sitchensis*  
Indian plum *Oemleria cerasiformis*  
Red flowering currant *Ribes sanguineum*  
Rhododendron *Rhododendron macrophyllum*  
Black hawthorn *Crataegus douglasii*

#### Groundcovers:

Sword fern *Polystichum munitum*  
Colt's foot *Petasites palmatus*  
Wood sorrel *Oxalis oregana*

## The Meadow

### *Dry sun*

Garry oak *Quercus garryana*  
Bitter cherry *Prunus emarginata*  
Lupine *Lupinus polyphyllus*, *L. leucophyllus* & *L. laxiflorus*  
Silverweed *Potentilla anserinifolia*

## The Alpine Garden

### *Dry sun*

Alpine fir *Abies lasiocarpa*  
Mountain hemlock *Tsuga mertensiana*  
Ground juniper *Juniperus communis*  
Tall Oregon grape *Mahonia aquafolium*  
Pussytoes *Antennaria neglecta*