

ENN-7.01 - Portland Plant List

PORTLAND PLANT LIST

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Introduction

The Portland Native Plant Lists are an integral component of the City of Portland’s natural resource protection program. Native plants identified here are required within the City’s Environmental and Willamette River Greenway Overlay Zones; invasive or harmful plants (identified on the "Nuisance" or "Prohibited" Plant Lists) are prohibited.

Portland’s native plant policy is designed to ensure the continued viability and diversity of indigenous plant and animal communities, promote the use of plants naturally adapted to local conditions, and educate citizens about the region’s natural heritage and the values and uses of native plants. A healthy native plant community serves many important functions: it provides habitat for native wildlife and preserves critical habitat for rare, threatened and endangered animals and plants; enhances air and water quality by trapping airborne particulates and by filtering sediments and pollutants from runoff before they enter streams and aquifers; stabilizes stream banks and hillside slopes, and dissipates erosive forces; ameliorates the local microclimate, and reduces water and energy needs; and provides scenic, recreational and educational values which, in turn, enhance Portland’s livability. Native plants are part of the region’s natural heritage.

How to Use the Lists

The lists have many uses, from public education and promotion of our natural heritage to helping someone to choose the most appropriate species for planting. The plant lists are not intended to be a rigorous scientific study but a tool that provides assistance to citizens in selecting appropriate native species for planting. Every effort was made to make them as accurate as possible. The lists are set up to provide for a narrowing of choices from the over 450 species on the full list to a manageable number suitable for a particular site.

The lists of Native Plant Communities provide a first cut. These lists help narrow the focus to one of nine generalized communities identified for the City of Portland. The community list can then be narrowed further using the section "Native Plants in Detail."

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History

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