

Backyard Nature

Want to learn more about backyard nature?
A guide for making a nature friendly area.

Transform your backyard into a haven for wildlife! A nature-friendly yard invites birds, bees, and butterflies to thrive. You can create a habitat for wildlife and fun spaces for your pets and friends and family. Providing habitat requires putting **the right plant, in the right place, at the right time.**

How do I use native plants?

- Use plant flowers, shrubs, and trees native to Washington or the Pacific Northwest

How do I support pollinators?

- Use nectar-rich species like currants, yarrow, and lupin
- Avoid pesticides, use organic methods to protect beneficial specie

How do I provide bird and animal habitat?

- Plant areas with dense shrubs and trees for shelter
- Provide water by birdbaths, ponds, or shallow dishes
- Leave snags and brush, dead trees and fallen logs offer shelter for birds
- Include Fruiting Plants, use berry producing species like salal and kinnikinnik

How do I keep my pets safe?

- Most native plants are safe but avoid toxic plants
- Help keep your pets from disturbing wildlife

How do I provide year-round interest?

- Make sure your garden has flowers and fruits year-round
- Use evergreen shrubs like mahonia and evergreen huckleberry
- Don't over prune, dead materials attract beneficial insects

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Bird Plants



red-flowering currant
Ribes sanguineum
Hummingbirds

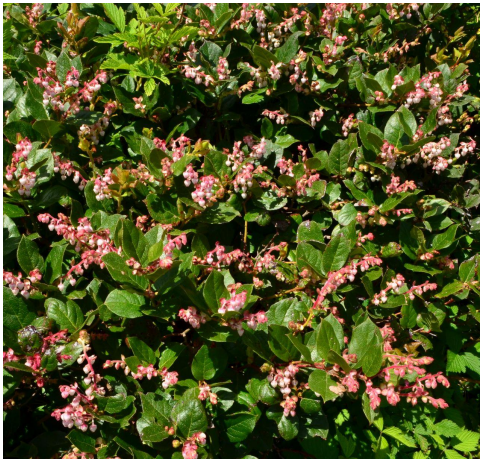


Oregon grape
Mahonia nervosa
Habitat and fruits



evergreen huckleberry
Vaccinium ovatum
Spring flowers, fall fruits

Pollinator Plants



salal
Gaultheria shallon
Bees, early spring flowers



yarrow
Achillea millefolium
Long blooms, beneficials



asters
Symphyotrichum
Butterflies, summer flowers

Winter Plants



sword fern
Polystichum munitum
Small mammals, insects



wax myrtle
Morella californica
Year-round cover



snowberry
Symphoricarpos albus
Winter fruits, birds