Trees

How do I use native trees in my landscape?
This guide will help you with incorporating native trees into your area including selection, planting, and maintenance.

Native trees provide more than shade—they form the foundation of a healthy, self-sustaining landscape. They support native birds, butterflies, and pollinators; improve soil health and water retention; offer seasonal beauty with low maintenance; clean the air; and are adapted to local climate and soil conditions.

How do I select the right tree?
- Consider mature size, light needs, and soil moisture.
- Avoid overhead wires and root conflict zone.
- Consider tree ordinances for your city.

How do I install a tree?
- Give roots time to establish before extreme temperatures.
- Dig a hole 2–3x wider than the root ball, but no deeper.

How do I maintain my tree?
- Use 2–3 inches of mulch, keeping it away from the trunk.
- Water deeply and slowly the first 1–2 years.
- Keep deed trees as snags for wildlife.
- Protect the Critical Root Zone (1 ft of radius per in of trunk diameter) around your tree.

What about street trees, roadway strips, and traffic circles?
- View restrictions for corners and traffic circles.
- Check local laws and regulations for street plantings.
- Avoid tall plants that block sightlines near roads.

How do I choose and work with an arborist?
- Only use an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist.
- Have a clear plan with measurable objectives.
- Get a written estimate and ask questions.
- Keep record of tree health and plan future appointments.

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Trees Native to the Pacific Northwest

western red cedar
Thuja plicata
Part shade-shade, moist-wet

Douglas-fir
Pseudotsuga menziesii
Sun-part shade, dry-moist

Pacific madrone
Arbutus menziesii
Sun-part shade, dry

bitter cherry
Prunus emarginata
Sun-part shade, dry-moist
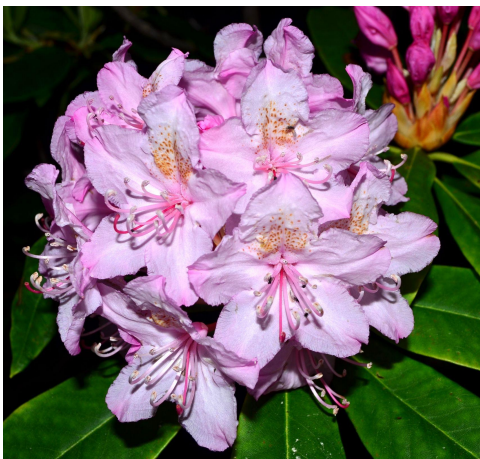
cascara
Frangula purshiana
Sun-shade, dry-wet
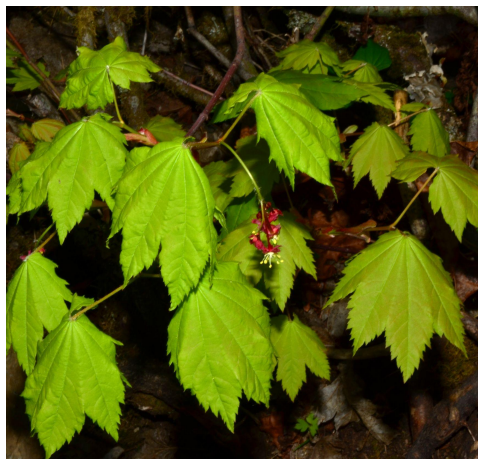
red alder
Alnus rubra
Sun-part shade, dry-wet

Pacific rhododendron
Rhododendron macrophyllum
Part shade-shade, dry-moist

vine maple
Acer circinatum
Part shade-shade, dry-moist

Oregon crabapple
Malus fusca
Sun-part shade, moist-wet