

Surfside HOA Community: Native Trees, Shrubs, Ferns and More!

There are a variety of attractive, easy to maintain, low growing trees and shrubs appropriate for Surfside's environment. These examples also work well within our covenant height limits. These species will need minimal maintenance and will grow in our coastal, beach environment.

This list was developed by Surfside's Tree, Brush, Vegetation and Noxious Weeds Committee with input from a licensed arborists, local WSU Master Gardeners, and local residents with experience in our area. Note there are many other non-native plants that will also work well in our area; this is not an all-inclusive list. Additional information is provided in the links below.

Native Species: Trees, Shrubs, Groundcovers and Bulbs

Trees and Shrubs: Short trees and shrubs: usually under 15 feet tall, tolerates topping/coppicing, resprout readily

Name	Size	Growth Rate
Pacific Wax Myrtle, <i>Myrica californica</i>	10-20 ft.	Moderate; prune to height
Vine Maple, <i>Acer circinatum</i>	21 ft.	Moderate
Red-twig Dogwood, <i>Cornus sericea</i>	6-18 ft.	Moderate fast
Saskatoon Serviceberry, <i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	3-15 ft.	Moderate
Western Hazelnut, <i>Corylus cornuta</i>	3-12 ft.	Moderate
American Cranberrybush, <i>Viburnum opulus</i>	3-12 ft.	Moderate fast
Pacific Ninebark, <i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	to 12 ft.	Fast
Beaked hazelnut, <i>Corylus cornuta ssp. californica</i>		
Sweet gale, <i>Myrica gale</i>		

Native Shrubs, with attractive flowers and/or berries:

Pacific Rhododendron, <i>Rhododendron macrophyllum</i>	12 ft.	Moderate
Western Azalea, <i>Rhododendron occidentale</i>	9-15 ft.	Moderate fast
Indian Plum, <i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i>	4-20 ft.	Moderate
Red-flowering Currant, <i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	3-9 ft.	Moderate
Tall Oregon Grape, <i>Mahonia aquifolium E</i>	6-8 ft.	Moderate fast
Ocean Spray, <i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	3-10 ft.	Moderate
Pacific Mock Orange, <i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	4-9 ft.	Moderate
Red Elderberry, <i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	3-9 ft.	Moderate fast
Snowberry, <i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	3-9 ft.	Moderate
Salal, <i>Gaultheria shallon</i>	3-6 ft.	Slow
Evergreen Huckleberry, <i>Vaccinium ovatum</i>	3-6 ft.	Slow

Others:

Stink currant, *Ribes bracteosum*
Black gooseberry, *Ribes divaricatum*
Nootka rose, *Rosa nutkana*
Cluster rose, *Rosa pisocarpa*
Thimbleberry, *Rubus parviflorus*
Salmonberry, *Rubus spectabilis*
Hardhack spirea, *Spiraea douglasii*

Native Species: Trees, Shrubs, Groundcovers and Bulbs (continued)

Great Groundcovers

Low Oregon Grape, <i>Mahonia nervosa</i>	2-3 ft.	Slow
Western Bleeding Heart, <i>Dicentra Formosa</i>	6-20 in.	Spreading rhizomes
Inside-out Flower, <i>Vancouveria hexandra</i>	4-16 in.	Spreading rhizomes
Kinnikinnick, <i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	to 8 in.	Trailing 6 ft. or more
Coastal Strawberry, <i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>	to 8 in.	Running stolons
Bunchberry, <i>Cornus Canadensis</i>	2-6 in.	Spreading rhizomes
Wild Ginger, <i>Asarum caudatum</i>	2-6 in.	Trailing, rooting stems
False Lily-of-the-valley, <i>Maianthemum dilatatum</i>	to 4 in.	Spreading rhizomes 11

Grass-like (Grasses, Sedges and Rushes)

Sitka sedge, *Carex aquatilis* var. *dives* (*Carex sitchensis*)

Slough sedge, *Carex obnupta* and many more sedges, most are very tolerant of wet conditions and standing water

Tufted hairgrass, *Deschampsia cespitosa*

Blue wildrye, *Elymus mollis*

American mannagrass, *Glyceria grandis*

Fowl mannagrass, *Glyceria striata* (*G. elata*)

Tapertip rush, *Juncus acuminatus*

Jointleaf rush, *Juncus articulatus*

Baltic rush, *Juncus balticus*

Pacific rush, *Juncus effusus* ssp. *pacificus* [avoid *J. effusus effusus*, European invasive] and many more rushes, all of which tolerate wet soils and standing water

Small-fruited bulrush, *Scirpus microcarpus*

Native Species: Ferns, Perennials, Bulbs and Phizomes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Growth Rate</u>
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Fabulous Ferns

Western Sword Fern, <i>Polystichum munitum</i>	to 4 ft.	
Deer Fern, <i>Blechnum spicant</i>	1-3 ft.	
Lady Fern, <i>Athyrium felix-femina</i>	to 6 ft.	
Maidenhair Fern, <i>Adiantum aleuticum</i> (<i>pedatum</i>)	6-24 in.	

Herbaceous Perennials

Goatsbeard, <i>Aruncus dioicus</i>	3-6 ft.	
Tufted Hairgrass, <i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i>	1-4 ft.	
Beargrass, <i>Xerophyllum tenax</i>	to 3 ft.	
Western Columbine, <i>Aquilegia Formosa</i>	to 3 ft.	
Yarrow, <i>Achillea millefolium</i>	4-36 in.	
Piggyback Plant, <i>Tolmeia menziesii</i>	16-30 in.	
Fringecup, <i>Tellima grandiflora</i>	16-30 in.	
Nodding Onion, <i>Allium cernuum</i>	to 20 in.	
Seathrift, <i>Armeria maritima</i>	2-18 in.	
Redwood Sorrel, <i>Oxalis oregano</i>	2-6 in.	
Oregon Stonecrop, <i>Sedum oreganum</i>	to 6 in.	

Beautiful Bulbs & Rhizomes (Bulb plants disappear & go dormant during the dry summer)

Tiger Lily, <i>Lilium columbianum</i>	to 4 ft.	
Douglas Iris, <i>Iris douglasiana</i>	6-30 in.	
Camas, <i>Camassia quamash</i>	8-28 in.	
Great Camas, <i>Camassia leichtlinii</i>	12-20 in.	
Western Trillium, <i>Trillium ovatum</i>	to 18 in.	

**NOTE: Growth Rates and water needs vary depending upon exposure. Some shade plants may be able handle more sun with more moisture. Many trees grow fast when young, slower when older.*

Sources:

<http://nativeplantspnw.com/>

<https://plants.usda.gov/home/plantProfile?symbol=ADAL>

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The following plant nurseries generally have good selections of native plants. Some species may take time to track down online. Native plant societies in Oregon and Washington keep lists of native plant nurseries on their websites. Fourth Corner Nurseries, Bellingham, WA, ask for print catalog on website, check plant availability online; FCN ships only small pots and bareroot plants. Larger plants must be picked up in Bellingham. Watershed Gardenworks, Longview, WA, check plant availability online, WGW does not ship, pick up plants at nursery in Longview. Woodbrook Native Plant Nursery, Gig Harbor, WA, check plant availability online, and call to confirm. WNPN does not ship. Pick up plants at nursery in Gig Harbor. Planter Box, Long Beach WA, often has native trees, shrubs and ferns available.