

2023 City of Tumwater Arbor Day Plants



Vine Maple (native)
Acer circinatum

Height: 15 feet
Width: 20 feet

Considered one of the best native trees for the home landscape, and an important part of the Northwest Forest. Vine Maple is widely enjoyed for its rugged growth habit, interesting back coloration, and beautiful fall leaf color.

Sun: Full sun

Soil Moisture: Medium

Wildlife: Birds use the seed stalks and leaves for nest building. Small mammals and birds eat the seeds. Caterpillars of the Brown Tissue Moth and Polyphemus Moth forage on the leaves.



Pacific Crabapple (native)
Malus fusca

Height: 18 feet
Width: 15 feet

At maturity, it forms a rounded pyramidal shape. It forms branches low on the trunk.

Fragrant flowers form in April and typically last for 10 days. Small crab apples mature in the fall. They will hang on the tree well into the winter months, providing songbirds with a steady food supply.

Due to its smaller stature, it can be grown under power lines and in narrow boulevard planting strips

Bloom color: White, Pink

Bloom Time: April and May

Light Requirement: Sun

Soil Moisture: Moist and Wet

Wildlife: Fruit attracts multiple bird species. Host plant for many moth caterpillars, including the Western Tent Caterpillar Moth.



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Dwarf Western Redcedar (native) *Thuja plicata*

Height: 4 to 5 feet

Width: 4 to 5 feet

A dwarf multi-stemmed evergreen shrub. Foliage turns bronze-green in winter.

Sun: Part or Full Sun

Soil Moisture: Moist and well-drained

Wildlife: Western Redcedar species are a host plant for the Cedar Hairstreak Butterfly.



Saskatoon serviceberry (Native) *Amelanchier alnifolia*

Height: 4 to 6 feet

Width: 4 to 6 feet

Bloom Time: April

Flower Color: White, Showy

Sun: Full sun to part shade

Water: Medium

Fall Color: Variable shades of yellow

Fruit: Showy, edible. Resembles blueberry in size, color, and taste. Berries may be eaten fresh off the plant or used in jams, jellies, and pies.

Wildlife: Flowers supply pollen and nectar for a large number of bees as well as hummingbirds. Fruit attracts birds including waxwings and tanagers. Host plant for swallowtail, brown elfin, Lorquin's admiral, and California hairstreak butterfly larvae. Provides dense cover for birds and small mammals.



2023 City of Tumwater Arbor Day Seeds

Showy Milkweed (Native)

Asclepias speciose

Height: 1 to 3 feet

Bloom Time: Summer

Flower Color: Pink, Showy

Sun: Full

Soil Moisture: Drought-tolerant

Wildlife: Host plant to the Monarch Butterfly

Notes: Toxic to cats, dogs, horses, and humans.



Native Pollinator Mix (Native)

Attracts bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and beneficial insects. Mix of native annuals and perennials. This seed mix includes native bunch grasses to provide nesting habitat for bees and to reduce weed encroachment.



Douglas Meadowfoam (*Limnanthes douglasii*), Globe Gilia (*Gilia capitata*), Farewell to Spring (*Clarkia amoena*), Sea Blush (*Plectritis congesta*), Tomcat Clover (*Trifolium willdenovii*), Fragrant Popcorn flower (*Plagiobothrys figuratus*), Bicolor Lupine (*Lupinus bicolor*), Winecup Clarkia (*Clarkia purpurea*), Menzie's Fiddleneck (*Amsinckia menziesii*), Self Heal (*Prunella vulgaris*), Western Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), Large Camas (*Camassia leichtlinii*), Puget Sound Gumweed (*Grindelia integrifolia*), Canada Goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*), Riverbank Lupine (*Lupinus rivularis*), Bigleaf Lupine (*Lupinus polyphyllus*), Meadow Checkermallow (*Sidalcea campestris*), Woolly Sunflower (*Eriophyllum lanatum*), Western Buttercup (*Ranunculus occidentalis*), Showy Fleabane (*Erigeron speciosus*), Common Camas (*Camassia quamash*), Prairie Cinquefoil (*Potentilla gracilis*), Roemer's Fescue (*Festuca romerii*), Tufted Hairgrass (*Deschampsia cespitosa*), and Meadow Barley (*Horedum brachyantherum*).

Northwest Prairie Mix (Native)

This plant assemblage does include species that will flower from spring to fall, providing a source of pollen and nectar throughout the growing season.

Globe Gilia (*Gilia capitata*), Farewell to Spring (*Clarkia amoena*), Menzie's Fiddleneck (*Amsinckia menziesii*), Self Heal (*Prunella vulgaris*), Western Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), Large Camas (*Camassia leichtlinii*), Big Leaf Lupine (*Lupinus polyphyllus*), Riverbank Lupine (*Lupinus rivularis*), Woolly Sunflower (*Eriophyllum lanatum*), Showy Fleabane (*Erigeron speciosus*), Roemer's Fescue (*Festuca romerii*), Tufted Hairgrass (*Deschampsia cespitosa*), Meadow Barley (*Horedum brachyantherum*), Blue Wild Rye (*Elymus glaucus*), California Brome (*Bromus carinatus*), Red Fescue (*Festuca rubra*), Slender Wheatgrass (*Elymus trachycaulus*), Pine Bluegrass (*Poa secunda*).

