The Native Plant Study Group (NPSG) was formed in Victoria, BC in 1993 and is dedicated to studying the native plants of southwest British Columbia and promoting their use and conservation.

MEMBERSHIP

Our diverse membership includes biologists, gardeners, horticulturists, students and plant enthusiasts.

www.NPSG.ca

NPSG Membership (fee $15) Benefits

- Entry to monthly meetings (Sept-May) that feature expert guest speakers, native plant discussion and a draw for native plants.
- Monthly newsletter (published September through May)
- Posting community events in support of native plants and their habitats
- Interaction with experienced members
- Scheduled tours of native plant gardens
- Field trips and social events

MEETINGS

Meetings are held at UVic on the third Thursday of each month from September to May (except December). Drop in fee for non-members is $2.

For upcoming speakers and events, visit:

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British Columbians are privileged to have a wide variety of native plants and some of the most spectacular grow right here in the Capital Regional District.

Our native plants fit easily into any garden setting. In the Victoria area native plants are threatened by habitat loss and encroaching non-native invasive plants. Planting native species in your garden can contribute to the long-term survival of these plants and the creatures that depend on them.

Using native plants in your garden helps to conserve water and eliminates the needs for chemical fertilizers. Native plants attract birds, butterflies and beneficial insects.

Gardening with native plants creates landscapes that have a regional significance and reflect the special environment in which we live.
**TEN EASY NATIVE GARDEN PLANTS**
*Easy to grow, Easy to maintain, Easy on the environment*

- **Evergreen huckleberry** (*Vaccinium ovatum*)
  Evergreen, part shade to shade. Drought tolerant, delicious blue or black fruit, slow growing.

- **Oregon grape** (*Mahonia aquafolium* and *M. nervosa*)
  Evergreen, *aquafolium* requires full sun, *nervosa* shade, both drought tolerant, yellow flowers, edible blue fruit for jellies or wine.

- **Salal** (*Gaultheria shallon*)
  Evergreen, sprawling, shrubby groundcover, part shade to shade, some moisture needed, edible, delicious dark purple berries, slow growing.

- **Wild strawberry** (*Fragaria* species)

- **Pearly everlasting** (*Anaphalis margaritacea*)
  Deciduous, perennial, to a metre tall, spreading—needs lots of room, silver-gray foliage, white “everlasting” flowers, blooms mid-July to mid-August. Favourite for pollinators, native bees, butterflies.

- **Flowering currant** (*Ribes sanguineum*)
  Deciduous, part shade or full sun, beautiful early red, pink or white (hummingbirds prefer red) flowers, drought tolerant, fast growing.

- **Red Columbine** (*Aquilegia formosa*)
  Deciduous, perennial, part shade, blooms May-June, food for hummingbirds.

- **Alumroot** (*Heuchera micrantha*)
  Evergreen, perennial, white flower sprays, blooms June to early July. Great on rocks.

- **Kinnikinnick** (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*)
  Evergreen groundcover, full sun to part shade, drought tolerant, fast growing, beautiful red berries. Great trailing over stone walls.

- **Aster** (*Aster subspicatus, A. foliaceus, and A. chilensis*)
  Deciduous, perennials, spreading, purple flowers, blooms August to September, favoured by pollinators, butterflies and native bees.

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