

Pacific Northwest Hedgerows

What is a hedgerow?

A hedgerow is a variety of closely spaced shrubs and tree species planted in a row or line.

Benefits of a Hedgerow

- Variety of plants serve wildlife needs throughout the year (food, cover and nesting)
- Mosaic of color and texture
- More natural arrangement requires less intensive management than a formal hedge (and saves you gasoline and loud noise pollution)
- Growing a thick *hedgerow*, rather than building an esthetically harsh fence, is an excellent option for privacy.



Hedgerow Planting Guidelines

- Choose plants that will thrive in the conditions of soil, moisture, and sun exposure of your site.
- Plant taller trees and shrubs toward the back.
- Combine fast and slow growers for immediate effect
- Use a variety of plants to provide food and shelter at all times of year.
- Combine evergreens and deciduous.
- Plant thorny plants and suckering plants for wildlife protection
- If you are planting in a small space, limit the number of plants that get large or sucker aggressively
- Create two or three rows of plantings spaced to provide for the needs of each plant and alternating between food sources, shelter, and seasonal interest.
- Butterfly plants should be planted on the south or west side of the hedgerow, where warmth and protection from wind is greatest.
- Remember, diversity is the key!

Pacific Northwest Native Plants for Hedgerows

Trees

Abies lasiocarpa, Subalpine Fir

Acer circinatum, Vine Maple

Crataegus douglassii, Black Hawthorn

Malus fusca, Western Crabapple

Pinus contorta, Shore Pine

Prunus emarginata, Bitter cherry

Salix spp., Willow

Tsuga mertensiana, Mountain Hemlock

Rhamnus purshiana, Cascara



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Shrubs

Amelanchior alnifolia, Serviceberry
Arctostaphylos uva-ursi, Kinnikinnik
Ceanothus spp., Wild Lilac, Buckbrush, Deer Brush
Cornus stolonifera, Red Osier Dogwood
Corylus cornuta, Hazel
Gaultheria shallon, Salal
Holodiscus discolor, Oceanspray
Mahonia species, Oregon grape
Myrica californica, Pacific Wax Myrtle
Prunus virginiana, Chokecherry
Ribes sanguineum, Red-flowering Currant
Rosa spp., Baldhip, Nootka, Clustered and Wood's Rose
Sambucus cerulea, *S. racemosa*, Blue and Red Elderberry
Sorbus sitchensis, Sitka Mountain-ash
Symphoricarpos albus, *mollis*, Common, Creeping Snowberry
Vaccinium ovatum, *parvifolium*, Red and Evergreen Huckleberry
Viburnum trilobum, High Bush Cranberry



Vines

Lonicera ciliosa, Orange Honeysuckle, Trumpet Vine
Lonicera hispidula, Chaparral Honeysuckle



Grasses and Forbs

Aquilegia formosa, Western Columbine
Asclepias speciosa, Showy Milkweed
Aster spp., Aster
Athyrium filix-femina, Lady Fern
Clarkia spp., Farewell to Spring, Purple Clarkia
Deschampsia caespitosa, Tufted Hairgrass
Festuca idahoensis, Idaho Fescue
Fragaria spp., Coastal, Woods, Wild Strawberry
Lupinus rivularis, Stream-Bank Lupine
Polystichum munitum, Sword Fern
Viola spp., Evergreen, Streambank, Early Blue Violet

