

Native Plants for Wetlands

Southern Vancouver Island has many different wetland types, including swamps, marshes, bogs, fens, and open water. Classification of wetlands is based on several factors like light regime, extent of flooding, and soil characteristics. Different wetland types have their own characteristic plant communities. All provide important habitat for wildlife.

Perennial Wildflowers

<i>Helenium autumnale</i> spp. <i>grandiflorum</i>	Mountain Sneezeweed
<i>Heracleum maximum</i>	Cow Parsnip
<i>Lysichiton americanus</i>	Skunk Cabbage
<i>Mimulus guttatus</i>	Yellow monkey-flower
<i>Oenanthe sarmentosa</i>	Pacific Water-parsley
<i>Persicaria amphibia</i>	Water Smartweed
<i>Potentilla anserina</i>	Common Silverweed
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i> spp. <i>lanceolata</i>	Self-heal
<i>Ranunculus flammula</i>	Lesser Spearwort
<i>Ranunculus orthorhynchus</i>	Straight-beaked Buttercup
<i>Sidalcea hendersonii</i>	Henderson's Checkermallow
<i>Sisyrinchium californicum</i>	Golden-eyed Grass
<i>Sisyrinchium idahoense</i>	Blue-eyed Grass
<i>Solidago lepida</i>	Canada goldenrod
<i>Symphotrichum subspicatum</i>	Douglas' Aster
<i>Trifolium wormskjoldii</i>	Springbank Clover

Annual Wildflowers

<i>Myosotis laxa</i>	Small-flowered Forget-me-not
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Grasses, Sedges, and Rushes

<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>	Slimstem Reedgrass
<i>Carex exsiccata</i>	Inflated Sedge
<i>Carex feta</i>	Green-sheathed Sedge
<i>Carex lenticularis</i> var. <i>lipocarpa</i>	Kellogg's Sedge
<i>Carex lyngbyei</i>	Lyngbyei's Sedge
<i>Carex obnupta</i>	Slough Sedge
<i>Carex pachystachya</i>	Thick-headed Sedge
<i>Carex ovalis</i>	Hare Sedge
<i>Carex unilateralis</i>	One-sided Sedge
<i>Carex viridula</i>	Green Sedge
<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i>	Tufted Hairgrass
<i>Glyceria elata</i>	Tall Mannagrass
<i>Hordeum brachyantherum</i>	Meadow Barley
<i>Juncus articulatus</i>	Jointed Rush
<i>Juncus bolanderi</i>	Bolander's Rush
<i>Juncus ensifolius</i>	Dagger-leaf Rush
<i>Juncus occidentalis</i>	Western Rush
<i>Luzula comosa</i>	Pacific Woodrush
<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i>	Small-flowered Bulrush
<i>Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani</i>	Soft-stemmed Bulrush
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	Common Cattail

Shrubs and Trees

<i>Alnus rubra</i>	Red Alder
<i>Cornus stolonifera</i>	Red-osier Dogwood
<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>	Black Hawthorn
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	Black Twinberry
<i>Malus fusca</i>	Pacific Crabapple
<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	Pacific Ninebark
<i>Populus balsamifera</i> ssp. <i>trichocarpa</i>	Black Cottonwood
<i>Rosa pisocarpa</i>	Clustered Rose
<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	Salmonberry
<i>Saix hookeriana</i>	Hooker's Willow
<i>Salix lucida</i>	Shining Willow
<i>Salix scouleriana</i>	Scouler's Willow
<i>Salix sitchensis</i>	Sitka Willow
<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	Red Elderberry
<i>Spiraea douglasii</i>	Hardhack
