

DROUGHT TOLERANT GROUNDCOVERS FOR THE INLAND NORTHWEST

S = sun **PSH = part shade** **SH = shade**
N = Native

Achillea tomentosa Woolly Yarrow. Evergreen for dry exposed areas, to 8". Fire retardant fern like leaves, flat clusters of yellow flowers in spring. (S)

Arctostaphylos uva-ursi Kinnickinnick. Drought resistant, soil adaptable, grows to 4". Evergreen foliage with pink flowers in spring followed by red berries. Leaves turn red in fall. [Rocky exposed sites, ponderosa pine ecosystem] (S/PSH, N)

Asarum caudatum Wild Ginger. Evergreen, prefers damp soil, grows to 6". Glossy roundish leaf, 1½ to 3" across. Odd purple-brown flower hidden below foliage. [Damp shady places along creeks] (PSH/SH, N)

Calluna vulgaris Scotch Heather. Evergreen, mounded or spreading forms. Varieties range from 2-4" to 2-3'. Small scale-like leaves, spikes of flowers ranging from white to pink to purple, blooming late summer to fall. (S)

Ceanothus prostratus Squaw carpet. Evergreen, drought tolerant, grows to 5". Showy blue/purple flowers. [Dry forest floor] (S/PSH, N)

Cornus canadensis Bunchberry. Semi-evergreen dogwood leaf, needs acid soil, grows to 3". Slow grower. Leaves turn red in fall. [Moist forest floor] (SH/PSH, N)

Eriogonum umbellatum Sulphurflower, Sulphur buckwheat. Deciduous, drought tolerant, grows to 2'. Mid-summer, bright yellow blossoms. [Arid valleys, dry mountain sites] (S, N)

Festuca ovina var. glauca Blue Fescue. Tufted mounds of gray/blue grass, to 10". Straw colored seed head in July. (S)

Geranium sanguineum Cranesbill. Deciduous, finely lobed foliage, to 1'. Rose, pink, white or purple flowers throughout summer. (S/PSH)

Geranium viscosissimum Sticky Geranium, Cranesbill. Sprawling plant, grows to 2' with stems and deeply lobed leaves all covered with sticky hairs. Rose-colored 1" flowers. [Open forests and meadows] **(S/PSH, N)**

Helianthemum nummularium Sunrose. Evergreen, 12-18". Gray or green leaves, very colorful flowers in mid-summer. Shear after first flower to encourage fall bloom. **(S)**

Juniperus horizontalis Creeping Juniper, *Juniperus sabina* Savin Juniper
Many cultivars of low growing, evergreen shrubs adaptable to hot sunny, dry locations. **(S)**

Lamium maculatum Lamium. Deciduous and drought tolerant when in part shade or shade, to 6'. Needs water in sunny sites. Green leaves with silver or yellow variegation. Pink, purple or white flowers in May. **(PS/SH or S)**

Linnaea borealis Twinflower. Evergreen, soil adaptable, grows to 1". Forms dense mat, pink twin flowers on 6" upright stems in June, July. [Shady cool wooded areas] **(PSH/SH, N)**

Mahonia repens Creeping Oregon Grape. Evergreen, low shrub, drought tolerant, grows to 1'. Glossy, leathery leaves, yellow flowers in May followed by blue berries. Tough and hardy, spreads by rhizomes. [Dry sites, bunchgrass and ponderosa pine ecosystems] **(S/PSH, N)**

Potentilla tabernaemontanii, *P. verna* Cinquefoil. Evergreen, to 2". Delicate bright green leaves, bright yellow flowers in spring and summer. Fast growing. **(S/PSH)**

Teucrium chamaedrys Germander. Evergreen, low growing to 1'. Woody upright stems, dark green, toothy leaves. **(S)**

Thymus lanuginosus Woolly Thyme. Evergreen, to 2". **(S)**

Thymus praecox Mother of Thyme, Creeping Thyme. Deciduous, to 6". Mat forming, spreading plants. Silver gray foliage, insignificant flowers. **(S/PSH)**

Thymus pseudolanuginosus Woolly Thyme. Evergreen, to 1" or less. **(S)**