

# Favorite Water-wise Wonders

Native Plant Salvage Project—WSU Thurston County Extension

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## Sun-loving Evergreens, Perennials, Grasses & Sub-shrubs

\* Denotes native to the Pacific Northwest

### Evergreen Shrubs & Sub-shrubs

*Abelia grandiflora*

*Arbutus unedo* 'Compacta' (Strawberry Tree)

\**Arctostaphylos columbiana* (Hairy Manzanita)

\**Ceanothus velutinus*

*Ceanothus* spp. (other non-native varieties)

*Choisya ternata* (Mexican Orange)

*Cistus* spp. (many) (Rock Rose)

*Escallonia x exoniensis* 'Fradesii'

*Halmiostictus* 'Merrist Wood Cream' (Needs protection from extreme cold)

*Hebe* spp. (many—check hardiness)

*Helianthemum nummularium* (Sun Rose)

*Lonicera nitida* & *pileata* (Box & Privet Honeysuckle)

\**Mahonia aquifolium* (Tall Oregon-Grape)

*Mahonia repens* (Creeping Oregon-Grape)

*Osmanthus x burkwoodii* & *delavayi*

\**Penstemon fruticosus* (Shrubby Penstemon)

*Pinus mugo mugo* (Mugho Pine)

*Pyracantha* sp. (Firethorn)

*Stranvaesia davidiana*

### Grasses & Grass-Like Plants

*Carex buchananii* (Leather-leaf Sedge)

*Carex comans* (NZ Hair Sedge)

*Carex testacea* (Orange-colored Sedge)

*Festuca glauca* (Blue Fescue)

*Helictotrichon sempervirens* (Blue Oat Grass)

*Miscanthus sinensis* 'Morning Light,' 'Yaku Jima,' & other fine-foliaged varieties

*Nassella tenuissima* (Mexican Feather Grass)

*Panicum* spp. (Switch Grass)

*Pennisetum alopecuroides*—many varieties (Fountain Grass)

*Phormium* spp. (NZ Flax)

*Stipa gigantea* (Giant Feather Grass)

## Perennials & Groundcovers

- Achillea* spp.—many varieties (Yarrow)  
*Alchemilla* sp. (Lady's Mantle—better in part sun)  
\**Antennaria dioica* (Pussytoes)  
*Arabis* spp. (Rockcress; evergreen foliage, but often looks a little shabby in summer without water; interplant with a later arrival/long-bloomer, such as deciduous *Silene*)  
\**Armeria maritima* (Sea Thrift)  
*Artemisia* spp.  
\**Aquilegia formosa* (Western Columbine)  
*Aster novi-belgii* (Michaelmas Daisy)  
*Aubrieta deltoidea* (See note under *Arabis*, above)  
*Aurinia saxatilis* (Basket-of-Gold)  
*Campanula* spp. (\*some)  
*Caryopteris*  
*Centranthus ruber* (Jupiter's Beard)  
*Coreopsis lanceolata* (Tickseed)  
*Coreopsis verticillata* 'Moonbeam,' 'Zagreb'  
*Echinacea purpurea* (Coneflower)  
*Echinops* sp. (Globe Thistle)  
\**Erigeron speciosus* (Showy Fleabane)  
*Eryngium amethystinum* (Sea Holly)  
*Erysimum* spp. 'John Codrington' & 'Bowles Mauve' (Wallflower)  
\**Fragaria chiloensis* (Coast Strawberry—aggressive groundcover)  
*Gaillardia × grandiflora* (Blanket Flower) (\*some varieties)  
*Gaura lindheimeri*  
*Geranium* spp. (Hardy & Cranesbill Geraniums—better in part sun, and some need shade)  
*Helichrysum italicum* (Curry Plant)  
*Hemerocallis* (Daylily)  
*Hyssopus officinalis* 'Roseus' & 'Nana' (Dwarf Hyssop)  
*Lavandula* spp.  
*Liatris spicata* (Gayfeather)  
*Lychnis coronaria* (Rose Campion—aggressive re-seeder)  
*Monarda* spp. (Bee Balm)  
*Penstemon* spp. (\*some)  
*Perovskia* spp. (Russian Sage)  
*Phygelius* (Cape Fuchsia)  
*Potentilla verna* (Groundcover potentilla)  
*Rudbeckia* (Black-eyed Susan)  
*Salvia* spp.  
*Santolina* spp. (Lavender Cotton)  
*Schizostylis coccinea* (Crimson Flag)  
*Sedum* spp.  
*Silene* spp.  
*Sisyrinchium* spp. (e.g., Blue- & Yellow-eyed Grass) (\*some)  
*Tencrium chamaedrys* (Germander)  
*Thymus* spp. (Creeping and Shrubby thymes, many varieties)