

# ***Native Plants***

## ***For East Idaho***

Whether for beauty, drought tolerance, wildlife, or hardiness, many homeowners in East Idaho are looking to native plants for their landscaping needs. When grown in the appropriate conditions native plants can be very hardy and rarely need pruning, fertilizer, or insecticides. The first and possibly second year will require nearly the same water and weeding as a traditional garden. But within a few years, the benefits will become apparent: healthy beautiful plants, an increase in native birds and other pollinators, a lower water bill, and reduced use of chemicals in the environment. The following list is a sampling of commonly available plants that are native to East Idaho and are well adapted to our soils and climate.

For additional information go to the web site of the Idaho Native Plant Society- [www.idahonativeplants.org](http://www.idahonativeplants.org).

### **Perennials**

Columbine- *Aquilegia* species  
 Bitterroot- *Lewisia* species  
 Blanket Flower- *Gaillardia* species (regional)  
 Evening Primrose- *Oenothera caespitosa*  
 Flax, Blue — *Linum lewisii*  
 Geranium, Hardy — *Geranium sanguineum*  
 Globe Mallow- *Sphaeralcea* species  
 Penstemon, Rocky Mountain — *Penstemon strictus*  
 Yarrow- *Achillea millefolium*

### **Shrubs**

Buffaloberry- *Shepherdia argentea* (regional)  
 Chokecherry- *Prunus virginiana*  
 Currant, Golden- *Ribes aureum*  
 Dogwood, Red Twig- *Cornus sericea*  
 Oregon Grape, Creeping- *Mahonia repens*  
 Potentilla- *Potentilla fruticosa*  
 Sagebrush — *Artemisia* species  
 Serviceberry — *Amelanchier alnifolia*  
 Sumac, Oak Leaf- *Rhus triobata*  
 Sumac, Rocky Mountain — *Rhus glabra cismontana*  
 Syringa - *Philadelphus lewisii* (State Flower)

### **Groundcovers**

Dwarf Mountain Lover- *Paxistima myrsinites* (regional)  
 Kinnikinnick — *Arctostaphylos uvaursi* (regional)  
 Penstemon, Creeping Red — *Penstemon pinnafolius*  
 Potentilla, Creeping — *Potentilla verna*  
 Pussytoes — *Antennaria parvifolia*  
 Stonecrop — *Sedum* species

### **Trees**

Aspen- *Populus tremuloides*  
 Birch, Western River (Water Birch)- *Betula occidentalis*  
 Boxelder- *Acer negundo*  
 Chokecherry— *Prunus virginiana*  
 Fir, Alpine- *Abies lasiocarpa*  
 Juniper, Rocky Mountain — *Juniperus scopulorum*  
 Maple, Bigtooth- *Acer grandidentatum*  
 Maple, Rocky Mt. — *Acer glabrum* (regional)  
 Oak, Gambels- *Quercus gambelii* (regional)  
 Pine, Bristlecone- *Pinus aristata* (regional)  
 Pine, Limber- *Pinus flexilis*  
 Pine, Ponderosa- *Pinus ponderosa* (regional)  
 Serviceberry- *Amelanchier alnifolia*  
 Spruce, Colorado- *Picea pungens* (regional)



Blue Flax- *Linum lewisii*



Potentilla- *Potentilla fruticosa*



Big Tooth Maple- *Acer grandidentatum*

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