

VHS March 2009 Talk on Native Wild Flowers

Where to see Native Plants

Greater Victoria Urban Setting

- Anderson Hill - Oak Bay
- Uplands Park - Oak Bay
- Oak Bay Native Plant Garden (Beach & Margate) - Oak Bay
- Chinese Cemetery - Oak Bay
- Swan Lake Demonstration Garden - Saanich
- Rockland Native Plant Garden - Victoria
- Summit Park - Victoria
- Government House Woodlands - Victoria
- Royal BC Museum Native Plant Garden - Victoria

Capital Regional District

- Beacon Hill Park - Victoria
- Trial Island Ecological Reserve (restricted entry)
- Mount Tolmie Park - Saanich
- Mount Douglas - Saanich
- Bear Hill – Saanich
- Gore Park - Central Saanich
- Oak Haven Park - Central Saanich
- Horth Hill - North Saanich
- Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre – Colwood
- Thetis Lake Park - View Royal
- Mount Wells - Langford
- Jocelyn Hill - Highlands
- Lone Tree Hill - Highlands
- San Juan Ridge - past Jordan River

Up-island

- Eagle Heights - Shawnigan Lake
- Mount Tzouhalem Ecological Reserve - Duncan
- Church yard at Maple Bay Rd & Tzouhalem Rd - Duncan
- Cowichan River Footpath – Lake Cowichan
- Honeymoon Bay Ecological Reserve – Lake Cowichan
- Somenos Garry Oak Preserve - Duncan
- Harewood Plains - Nanaimo
- Jack Point - Nanaimo
- Rhododendron Lake - Nanoose
- Nanoose Hill - Nanoose
- Mount Washington - Courtenay
- Mount Arrowsmith – Port Alberni

Further Afield:

- Mainland - Manning Park, Cathedral Lakes
- Wash - Olympic National Park, Hurricane Ridge
- Wash - Colockum Pass

Good list of projects, gardens and natural areas to visit: www.goert.ca/at_home_places_to_visit.php

Where to Learn about Native Plants:

Victoria Natural History Society - Field Trips and Botany Night Meetings. More details at www.vicnhs.bc.ca under Calendar section.

Native Plant Study Group - Monthly Meetings. More details at www.npsg.ca

Native Plant Society of BC - Some local events. More details at www.npsbc.org

Other Web Sites for Native Plants

- Garry Oak Ecosystem Recovery Team - www.goert.ca
- Eflora – www.eflora.bc.ca
- Naturescape Program - www.hctf.ca/nature.htm

Other Organizations Working with Native Plants:

See Environment Page on www.CadboroBayToday.com

Conferences and Workshops about Native Plants

Botany BC Yearly gathering of professional and amateur botanists
www.members.shaw.ca/dmeidinger/botanybc

Workshops : NPSG, NPSBC , Swan Lake

Online Email Lists that Deal with Native Plants:

Native Plant Study Group: To join contact halcyon@telus.net. Linda attempts to include all events of interest regarding native plants in the Victoria area. You do not need to be a member of NPSG to join the list. You will receive an email update about once per month.

Native Plant Society of BC Email Discussion List:

Details at www.npsbc.org

Botanical Electronic News (BEN) Produced semi-monthly by Dr. Adolf Ceska. Details at www.npsbc.org

Where to Obtain Native Plants

- Your local nursery - Ask where the Native Plant corner is. Most nurseries do stock a number of native plants.
- Swan Lake's Annual Sale Gardening for Wildlife A Native Plant Gardening Sale and Demonstration Sat April 18 & Sun Apr 19 10 am - 3 pm

Swan Lake's 14th annual special weekend event features a selection of more than 5000 native plants (over 110 species). Workshops, presentations, garden tours, demonstrations and displays on gardening with native plants and developing wildlife habitat in urban settings are included in the admission price. \$3/day or \$5/weekend pass. Check www.swanlake.bc.ca under the Native Plant heading for more details.

- Native Plant Study Group - Attend meetings and partake in the Native Plant Draw. Every month has many choices of locally grown native plants. Check www.npsg.ca for more details.
- Fraser's Thimble Farms on Saltspring but also mail order via www.thimblefarms.com
- Pacific Rim Native Plant Nursery in Chilliwack but also mail order via www.hillkeep.ca

- Check <http://www.npsg.ca/links.shtml> for more locations for native plants
 - Check <http://www.npsbc.org/Use/use.htm> for more locations for native plants and seeds
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Books about Local Native Plants

- The Garry Oak Gardener's Handbook: Nurturing Native Plant Habitat in Garry Oak Communities www.goert.ca/at_home_garryoak_gardener.php (free download)
- Plants of Coastal British Columbia (also Northern BC and Southern Interior BC versions) by Jim Pojar and Andy McKinnon
- Encyclopedia of Northwest Native Plants for Gardens and Landscapes by Kathleen Robson, Alice Richter & Marianne Filbert
- Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest by Mark Turner and Phyllis Gustafson
- Wild Flowers of the Pacific Northwest by Lewis Clark
- Trees, Shrubs and Flowers to Know in British Columbia and Washington by C. P. Lyons and Bill Merilees
- Gardening with Native Plants of the Pacific Northwest by Arthur R. Kruckeberg
- Native Plants in the Coastal Garden: A Guide for Gardeners in the Pacific Northwest by April Pettinger and Brenda Costanzo

Series of Field Guides by authors:

- Lewis Clark
- Ted Underhill
- Visalli*Lockwood*Ditchburn