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LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE PLANTS, PART 2

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The best way to determine the needs of a specific native plant is to understand its location and environment in its natural setting. Does it prefer moist or dry sites, how much sun does it get, what are its soil conditions?
By choosing the appropriate micro climates in your yard, ie. north exposure or under trees for shade loving plants, south facing slopes for sun or drought tolerant plants, you can incorporate natives into your own landscape.
The plants indicated below are a very subjective list based upon my own bias and experience and are organized by sun and moisture preferences.

Sunny and Dry Sites

Trees	*Shrubs*	*Herbaceous Plants*
Douglas fir	Mock orange	Arrowleaf balsamroot
Ponderosa pine	Ocean-spray	Indian blanketflower
Western white pine	Rabbitbush	Idaho fescue
Serviceberry	Sagebrush	Lupine
	Snowberry	Phlox
	Woods rose	Sulfur flower
	Kinnikinnick	
	Mallow ninebark	

Sunny and moist Site

Trees	*Shrubs*	*Herbaceous Plants*
Alder	Blue elderberry	Camas
Birch	Douglas spirea	Sedges
Black hawthorne	Red osier dogwood	Wild strawberry
Engelmann spruce	Thimbleberry	Blue flax
Rocky mountain maple	Willows	Blue lupine
Quaking aspen	Redstem ceanothus	
Western larch		
Western red cedar		

Part Shade and Dry Site

Trees	*Shrubs*	*Herbaceous Plants*
Douglas fir	Kinnikinnick	Sticky geranium
Engleman spruce	Mock orange	Sword fern
Grand fir	Ocean-spray	Twinflower
Rock Mountain maple	Oregon grape	Tufted hairgass
Western larch	Wild rose	
Mountain ash	Snowberry	
	Choke cherry	
	Buffaloberry	

Moist and Shady Site

Tree	*Shrubs*	*Herbaceous Plants*
Hemlock	Pachistima	Bunchberry
Rocky Mountain maple	Thimbleberry	Ferns
Western red cedar		Twinflower
		Wild ginger
		False Solomon’s Seal
		Columbine
		Western bleeding heart
		Yellowwood
		Violet

For a complete listing of the native plants useful for landscaping in Bonner and Boundary county go the “Native Plant Landscaping List” on the website of Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society: www.nativeplantsociety.org.

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