



Native Plants of TBGA Available for Purchase in our Nursery

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Ground Covers

Arctostaphylos uva-ursi, **Kinnickinnick**. Sometimes called Bearberry. Zone 2. A ground hugging plant only a couple of inches high. Evergreen leaves with bright red berries. Grows in filtered shade to full sun.

Pyrola asarifolia, **Pink Wintergreen**. Zone 2. Low growing with green leaves lasting all year. 2" to 3" stems with pink flowers sprout above the ground hugging leaves in spring. Likes heavy shade and moist conditions. A somewhat rare plant we've never seen at any other Native Plant Nursery.

Shrubs

Acer glabrum, **Rocky Mountain Maple**. 20' to 25', grow as shrub or tree form.

Alnus incana, **Thinleaf Alder**. 15' to 30', fast grower as shrub or tree form. Likes wet areas.

Amelanchier alnifolia, **Western Serviceberry**. <15', good fruit for pies and jam. Very drought tolerant.

Artemisia cana, **Silver Sagebrush**. <5', Very drought tolerant.

Artemisia tridentata v. *tridentata*, **Big Sagebrush**. 5' to 10'. Very drought tolerant.

Cercocarpus ledifolius, **Mountain Mahogany**. 6' to 20'.

Chrysothamnus nauseosus albicaulis, **Tall Blue Rabbitbrush**. Blue leaf version of species. Very drought tolerant.

Chrysothamnus nauseosus, **Rubber Rabbitbrush**. The genus name was reclassified in 1993 and is now known as *Ericameria nauseosa*. Known for its sticky white substance from broken stems. Very drought tolerant.

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Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus, **Green Rabbitbrush**. Very drought tolerant.

Cornus sericea, **Red Osier Dogwood**. Rapid growing multi-stem shrub growing in moist areas along creeks. White flowers producing clusters of white berries with some particular plants producing pale baby-blue fruit. Usually red fall color foliage.

Elaeagnus commutata, **Silverberry**. Up to 12' tall, reddish-brown stems with silvery leaves and small yellow flowers followed by tiny silver berries loved by birds.

Juniperus communis, **Common Juniper**. Can reach over 30'. Most growing 5' to 15' with many different forms now considered selected varieties. Adapts to poor rocky soil and very drought tolerant. Fruit has been used for a variety of medicinal purposes for many centuries.

Lonicera involucrata, **Twinberry Honeysuckle**. 3' to 6' tall with purple-black fruit.

Pentaphylloides floribunda; (*Potentilla fruticosa*), **Shrubby Cinquefoil**, Very drought tolerant. Seems to be resistant to deer browsing.

Philadelphus lewisii, **Mockorange**. One of the most fragrant shrubs in North America. Very drought tolerant. Deer seem to leave them alone. Flowers in August, later than most shrubs, so it's blooming when most other native shrubs are done.

Prunus americana, **Native Wild Plum**. Grows in shrub or tree form. Great wildlife food. Very hardy.

Prunus besseyi, **Western Sandcherry**. Drought tolerant, and good edible fruit.

Prunus virginiana, **Common Chokecherry**. 12' to 15'. Popular for syrup and jelly. Great for birds.

Rhus glabra, **Smooth Sumac**. Zone 2. Large shrub or small tree. Deep green leaves turning brilliant scarlet-red in fall. Drought and heat tolerant.

Rhus trilobata, **Skunk Bush**. Zone 2. Medium shrub to 4' and very drought tolerant.

Ribes aureum, **Golden Currant**. Zone 2. Erect shrub 3' to 6', very drought tolerant with 2" long clusters of bright yellow flowers producing colorful fruit which attract birds. They also are edible for people.

Ribes cereum, **Wax Currant**. Zone 2. Dense rounded shrub with waxy green leaves producing bright red, marble-sized fruit.

Ribes inerme, **Gooseberry**. Zone 2. Thorny shrub, somewhat uncontrollable but great bird food and deer resistant. They also are edible for people.

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Rosa woodsii, **Woods Rose**. Hardy wild rose that can get up to 6' or more. Spreads and can become a nuisance. Produces nice flowers and hips for making tea or jelly. Very thorny so it is somewhat deer resistant.

Rubus idaeus, **Wild Red Raspberry**. Great tasting fruit. Can become a tangle of canes if not controlled. Also great wildlife food.

Shepherdia argentea, **Silver Buffaloberry**. Zone 2. To 6' tall suckering shrub which attracts birds. Withstands a variety of soils including alkaline soil. Very drought tolerant and produces edible fruit for jelly.

Shepherdia canadensis, **Buffaloberry, or Russet Buffaloberry**. Zone 2. Grows to 7' producing small fruit. Well suited for dry alkaline conditions. Great wildlife value.

Sorbus sitchensis, **Native Mountain Ash**. Zone 2. The seed source we use for this comes from the top of Rogers Pass, the coldest recorded spot in the lower 48 states at 70 below zero. More of a shrub form but we do prune some as a tree form. Fairly fast growing even on a north-facing shaded slope.

Spiraea betulifolia, **White Spiraea**. Zone 3. 2' to 4'.

Spiraea douglasii, **Pink spiraea**. Zone 3. Adaptable to varied conditions.

Symphoricarpos albus, **Common Snowberry**. Bright-white berries after leaves drop. Thrives in shade and moist conditions but also drought tolerant.

Yucca glauca, **Yucca**. Zone 3. Grows to 3' or more. Pointed basal leaves with large attractive spikes of creamy to light green flowers. Very drought tolerant.

Trees

Acer glabrum, **Rocky Mountain Maple**. 20' to 25', grow as shrub or tree form.

Acer negundo, **Box Elder**. Zone 2. Probably the hardiest of all Acers. Recommended for extreme cold and drought conditions. Will thrive in almost any soil conditions. Fairly fast growing and even faster with some watering.

Alnus incana, **Thinleaf Alder**. 15' to 30', fast grower as shrub or tree form. Likes wet areas.

Betula occidentalis, **River Birch**. Sometimes called Red Western Birch or Water Birch. Small tree growing up to 35' and does best in moist soils and even on the edge of creeks or in boggy areas with its roots in water.

Betula papyrifera, **Paper Birch**. Sometimes called Canoe Birch. Zone 2. Growing up to 50' or more. Smooth chalk-like exfoliating bark is this tree's major attraction. Bright yellow fall color.

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Crataegus douglasii, **Douglas Hawthorn**. Sometimes called Black or River Hawthorn. Grows up to 30' producing black fruit liked by birds. This also has human medicinal and edible uses.

Fraxinus pennsylvanica, **Green Ash**. Zone 2. Very hardy and somewhat drought tolerant. Grows up to 50' to 60'. Commonly used as boulevard trees in suburban sites. TBGA sells several of these that come from different areas of Montana and Alberta. These are hardier and more drought tolerant than native ones found in other parts of Montana.

Juniperus communis, **Common Juniper**. Can reach over 30'. Most growing 5' to 15' with many different forms now considered selected varieties. Adapts to poor rocky soil and very drought tolerant. Fruit has been used for a variety of medicinal purposes for many centuries.

Larix occidentalis, **Western Larch**. Zone 3. Not usually found east of the Continental Divide, however they do grow well at TBGA. Fairly fast growing with bright yellow fall color. Sometimes referred to as a deciduous conifer due to the fact it drops its needles in the fall.

Picea engelmannii, **Engelmann Spruce**, Zone 2. A very hardy conifer growing up to 150' at high elevations throughout Montana. Light bluish needles with a dense pyramidal form.

Prunus pensylvanica, **Pin Cherry**. Zone 2. Very hardy at TBGA. Up to 25' tall, fast growing, ¼" red fruit.

Pinus contorta, **Lodgepole Pine**. Grows to 75'. Tall slender with virtually no taper, thin bark and a clean trunk.

Pinus flexilis, **Limber Pine**. Zone 2. Grows to 60'. Very drought tolerant and very long living. Some Limber's have been aged at around 1,000 years old. Depending on condition some may take over 100 years to reach maturity. Branches are so "limber" they can be tied in a knot without breaking. If you want to plant a Limber, buy the largest one you can afford. They are one of TBGA's favorite trees.

Pinus ponderosa, **Ponderosa Pine**. Sometimes called Western Yellow Pine. Grows about a foot a year and up to 200' tall.

Populus balsamifera, **Black Cottonwood**. This is the most prominent Cottonwood growing at TBGA. Most *Populus* trees are not well received by many people for landscaping due to the fact they sucker profusely. They get very large very fast, up to 150' tall and a couple of feet in diameter.

Populus tremuloides, **Quaking Aspen**. Zone 2. A very hardy tree loved by many. It is believed by some that an Aspen Grove may be the largest living organism in the world. Whether it is one acre or hundreds of acres in size every tree in the grove is connected to one mother tree, so to speak. Aspens have been on the decline for the past 50 years and are disappearing rapidly in some areas. They do not really adapt well to suburban areas but you see many of them planted there due to their popularity. However, this poses some problems as all *Populus*

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trees sucker. People are forever asking us what they can do to their Aspen trees as they are ruining their lawn and flowerbeds. The only answer for that is, don't plant an Aspen tree. That's what they are supposed to do.

Pseudotsuga menziesii, '**Glauca' Douglas Fir**. Can grow over 200'. The Rocky Mountain Douglas Fir is hardier than the west coast variety.

Quercus macrocarpa, **Bur Oak**. Sometimes spelled Burr. Some rate this tree a Zone 3 and some a Zone 2. We've grown these from seed for more than 8 years and would definitely rate ours a Zone 2. They can grow up to 80'.

Salix amygdaloides, **Peachleaf Willow**. Zone 3. Fast growing to 30' or 40'. Medium green, peach-like foliage and lighter colored stems.

Ulmus americana, **American Elm**. Zone 2. Grows up to 100' tall. Fast growing shade and street tree.

Vines

Clematis ligusticifolia, **White Western Virginian Bower**. A hardy vigorous grower up to more than 30 feet. Small slightly fragrant white flowers.

Vitis riparia, **Riverbank Grape**. Zone 3. Fast growing to over 30', cold hardy wild grape. Shiny green leaves, sweet scented summer flowers followed by purplish-black 1/4" to 1/2" fruit clusters. Best tasting after light frost. Good wildlife habitat, found in several areas growing wild around Bozeman. Growing at TBGA since 2007.

Opuntia fragilis, **Brittle Prickly Pear**. Zone 2 and very drought tolerant.

Grasses:

Andropogon gerardii, **Big Bluestem**. 3' to 5' tall x 18" to 30" wide clump. Yellow to purple seed heads in late summer and fall.

Bouteloua curtipendula, **Side Oats Grama**. 2' to 3' tall x 9" to 15" wide. Upright leaves, light blue in color.

Bouteloua gracilis, **Blue Grama Grass**. 1' to 2' tall x 1' to 2' wide. Forms dense tufts, with unique seed heads with one side folding down.

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Buchloe dactyloides, **Buffalo Grass**. 4" to 6" tall x 12" to 18" wide. Blue-green color.

Deschampsia cespitosa, **Tufted Hairgrass**. 12" to 18" tall.

Elymus elymoides, **Squirrel Tail**. 6" to 24" tall x 12" to 18" wide. Bunch grass noted for its long awns-part of the flower that makes it look like a squirrels tail.

Koeleria macrantha, **Prairie Junegrass**. 6" to 24" tall x 6" to 12" wide. Small clusters of plants with dense spikes arising from the center.

Leymus cinereus, **Great Basin Wildrye**. 3' to 5' tall x 2' to 3' wide.

Pseudoroegneria spicata, **Bluebunch Wheatgrass**. 18" to 36" tall x 18" to 24" wide. Establishes quickly. Not tolerant of high moisture.

Schizachyrium scoparium, **Little Bluestem**. 2' to 4' tall x 18" to 24" wide. Blue gray foliage that turns red in autumn and golden in the winter. A clump grass that tolerates poor infertile soil.

Native Wild flower List – Coming soon.

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