



PLANTS FOR EROSION CONTROL & HABITAT: Non-Natives



- Desirable characteristics:
- Non-invasive ornamental species
 - Commonly available at local nurseries
 - Moderately sized
 - Strong root systems to anchor soil in place
 - Low-maintenance and/or drought-tolerant
 - Provide wildlife benefits
 - Evergreen plants recommended for greatest year-round benefit.
 - Also consider: cultivars of Western red cedar and other conifers -some remain under 10 ft. in height.

EVERGREEN PLANTS (retain leaves in the winter)



Japanese Pieris
(*Pieris japonica*)

Broadleaf evergreen / Size: 4-12 ft. / Sun to part shade / Moist, well-drained acid soils / Quite drought tolerant when established.

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Strawberry tree
(*Arbutus unedo*)

Evergreen large shrub to small tree. Size: 8-30 ft. / Full sun / Moist to dry, well-drained soils / Drought tolerant once established / Blooms and fruit feed wildlife / Related to iconic native tree -Pacific Madrone.



Rhododendron
(*Rhododendron* sp.)

Evergreen with showy, pollinator-friendly blooms. Size: 5-20 ft. depending on species / Typ. part sun to shade / Moderately dry to moist soils. Native Pacific Rhododendron is lovely. Image: © Creative commons License - Michael Garlick

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Manzanita
(*Arctostaphylos* sp.)

Very tough evergreen shrubs of various sizes and shapes. Prefer minimal care. *Difficult to find. Size: ~3-15 ft. / Full Sun / Dry, well-drained soils / Typically extremely drought tolerant.



Rosemary
(*Rosmarinus officinalis*)

Evergreen Mediterranean shrub, edible, cold tolerance varies based on cultivar. Pollinators love the blooms. Size: ~2-6 ft. / Full sun preferred / Moist to dry soils / Drought tolerant once established. Image: OSU Landscape plants website



CA lilac
(*Ceanothus* sp., wide variety)

Broadleaf evergreen shrubs of various sizes with lovely blue blooms and excellent pollinator benefits. Size: <2 to 15 ft. / Sun / Well-drained, dry to moderately dry soil / Very drought tolerant. Image: OSU Landscape plants website



Rock rose
(*Cistus* sp., wide variety)

Evergreen shrub, white and pink pollinator friendly blooms. Many varieties. Size: typ. 2-5 ft. / Full sun / Well-drained soils / Drought tolerant.

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Spiraea
(*Spiraea* sp., wide variety)

Deciduous shrub with showy flowers. Size: 2-5 ft. depending on cultivar / Full sun to part shade / Moderately dry to moist soils. Pollinator-friendly blooms. Native Douglas spirea is lovely and forms thickets. Image: OSU Landscape plants website



Dwarf Alaska blue willow
(*Salix purpurea* 'Nana')

Deciduous willow shrub with delicate leaves that wave in the wind. Size: ~5 ft. / Full sun to part shade / Moist to well-drained soils / Fairly drought tolerant once established.