

# Strata Landscaping List of Recommendations

Website for plant information and a self-planning option: [www.gardenia.net](http://www.gardenia.net)

## Ornamental Trees:

The City of Parksville has a \$50 rebate program for tree purchase, for trees attaining 16 feet or more at maturity and to be planted on private property, not City easements. The City website that has the application form for this is: <https://www.parksville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=545>

The Parks Foreman from City of Parksville recommended these trees as having non-invasive roots:

- Styrax Japonica – ‘Snowbell tree’ varieties
- Strawberry Tree (Arbutus Unedo Compacta variety)
- Serviceberry (tree variety)
- Adams Crab-apple (disease resistant variety)
- Ornamental Pear tree

Other varieties landscapers recommend include:

- Eastern Redbud (Cercis Canadensis)
- Japanese Maple
- Kousa Dogwood
- Cornelian-Cherry Dogwood
- Flowering Dogwood
- ‘Horn Beam’ or Ironwood (Carpinus spp.)
- ‘Flowering Plum’ (produces small fruit)
- Japanese Tree Lilac

## Plants with Low Water Requirements (once established) and Deer Resistant:

### Shrubs:

- Lavender
- Choisya (Mexican Orange Blossom)
- Potentilla
- Tree Hydrangea or Panicle Hydrangea (Hydrangea Paniculata) e.g. Limelight
- Nandina (Heavenly ‘Bamboo’ – is not a bamboo species) e.g. Gulfstream
- Abelia e.g. Kaleidoscope
- Heather (Ericas)
- Winter Jasmine (sheltered position with sun)
- Bluestar Juniper
- Rockspray Cotoneaster (red berries in winter, spreads low to ground)
- Lantana
- False Indigo (Baptisia)

- Variegated Dogwood
- Ligustrum
- Andora juniper
- Siberian cypress
- Indian hawthorn
- Japanese Privat (Wax-Leaf Privet)
- Forsythia
- Waterfall Japanese Maple
- Lemon Cedar
- Bird's Nest Cedar
- Euonymus
- Lavatera (Tree Mallow)
- Pieris Japonica – Little Heath, Mountain Fire, Valley Rose require less water than other varieties

### **Perennials:**

- Catmint (Nepeta)
- Russian Sage
- Cranesbill Geranium (also a groundcover)
- Wormwood or Artemisia e.g. 'Powis Castle (silver colour)
- Coneflowers (Echinacea)
- Red Hot Poker (*Knifophia*)
- California Poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*)
- Black-Eyed Susans (Rudbeckia)
- Coreopsis (Tickseed)
- Blanket Flower (Gaillardia)
- Beardtongue (Penstemon)
- Yarrow
- Dianthus
- Perennial Sunflower - Heliopsis e.g. Tuscan Sun
- Coral Bells
- Geums
- Alyssum
- Blue Beard
- Liatris
- Shasta Daisy
- Agastache (Hyssop)
- Gaura (Beeblossom)
- Asters
- Salvia
- Scabiosa (Pincushion)
- Verbena (groundcover also)
- Globe Flower (Amaranth)
- Violets, Primroses, Pansies have average water needs

## **Groundcover Plants:**

- Creeping Thyme
- Sedum (Stonecrop) - succulents such as Autumn Joy' and 'Xenox' varieties
- Bearberry (Kinnikinnick - Native)
- Redwood sorrel (shade-tolerant ground cover)
- Creeping or Moss Phlox (Phlox Subulata)
- Lilyturf
- Ajuga
- European Ginger
- Lambs' Ears
- Common Juniper e.g. Tortuga
- Barrenwort ('Epimedium' - heart shaped leaves, good under trees)
- Ice Plant
- Beach or Coastal Strawberry

Note: Grace Ward has average, not low water needs; Creeping Jenny is invasive – hard to control

## **Ornamental Grasses:**

- Blue Fescue
- Red Switch Grass
- Mexican Feather Grass
- Purple Fountain Grass
- Little Bluestem
- Orange Sedge
- Blue Grama Grass
- Pampas Grass (tall)
- Big Blue Stem
- Maiden Grass (e.g. Adagio)
- Panic Grass
- Blue Oat grass
- Zebra Grass
- Autumn Moor Grass
- Fountain Grass
- Japanese Forest Grass – 'Hakone' (requires watering during extended dry spells, shade)

## **BC Native Plants:**

- Western Red Lily
- Pacific Dogwood
- Yarrow
- Sword Fern
- Red Huckleberry
- Oregon Grape
- Purple Coneflower

- Nootka Rose
- Black Eyed Susan
- Blazing Star
- Red-Flowering Currant
- Trillium
- Mock Orange
- Pearly Everlasting
- Fawn Lily
- Hummingbird Trumpet

**Sources for Plants:**

Cultivate, Lakeside Garden Nursery (Parksville), Shrubbers (Errington), Ken-Dor Garden Center (Qualicum Beach), Arrowsmith Nursery (Coombs), Streamside Native Plants (Bowser), Nalt Natural Abundance (Nanaimo), Green Thumb Garden Centre ((Nanaimo), Dinter Nursery (Duncan)

**Website to Check if a Plant is Invasive:**

[bcinvasives.ca/take-action/identify](http://bcinvasives.ca/take-action/identify)