



Wildlife Friendly Landscaping



Creating and improving wildlife habitat in our yards has a positive ecological value. However, Squamish is bear country and improving wildlife habitat can also mean attracting bears and other wildlife.

While bears are part of our natural environment, we don't want to invite them into our yards with landscaping that provides them with food.

This list is not exhaustive, it is a guideline and bears may utilize other plants opportunistically

Landscaping tips for reducing bear visits to yards and neighbourhoods:

- ✓ Avoid using plants that bears like to eat next to doorways, windows or entrances, near children's play sets, beside paths and high use areas.
- ✓ Avoid using bone meal or fish fertilizer.
- ✓ Avoid seeding with clover and keep your grass cut and free of dandelions.
- ✓ Plants that bear fruit or nuts should be used with caution.

RECOMMENDED

Common name	Botanical name	Attractant rating	Native species
TREES - deciduous			
Bloodgood Japanese Maple.....	Acer palmatum	Low.....	✗
Douglas Maple.....	Acer glabrum.....	Low.....	✓
Fern Leaf Maple.....	Acer japonicum.....	Low.....	✗
Forest Pansy (redbud).....	Cercis canadensis.....	Low.....	✗
Himalayan Birch.....	Betula utilis jacquemontii.....	Low.....	✗
Katsura Tree.....	Cercidiphyllum japonicum.....	Low.....	✗
Paperbark Maple.....	Acer griseum.....	Low.....	✗
Saucer Magnolia.....	Magnolia soulangeana.....	Low.....	✗
Vine Maple.....	Acer circinatum.....	Low.....	✓
Willow species.....	Salix spp.....	Medium.....	✓
Western Flowering Dogwood.....	Cornus nuttallii.....	Medium.....	✓
TREES - evergreen			
Camellia Sasanqua.....	Sasanqua Camellia.....	Low.....	✗
Grand Fir.....	Abies grandis.....	Low.....	✓
Shore Pine.....	Pinus contorta.....	Low.....	✓
Sitka Spruce.....	Picea Sitchensis.....	Low.....	✓
Western Hemlock.....	Tsuga heterophylla.....	Low.....	✓
Western Red Cedar.....	Thuja plicata.....	Low.....	✓
Western Yew.....	Taxus brevifolia.....	Low.....	✓
SHRUBS - deciduous			
Buttercup Winterhazel.....	Corylopsis pauciflora.....	Low.....	✗
Chinese Witch Hazel.....	Hamamelis mollis.....	Low.....	✗
Falsebox.....	Paxistima myrsinites.....	Low.....	✓
Dwarf Fothergilla.....	Fothergilla gardenii.....	Low.....	✗
Hardhack.....	Spiraea douglasii.....	Low.....	✓
Hardy Fuchsia.....	Fuchsia magellanica.....	Low.....	✗
Hebe species.....	Hebe.....	Low.....	✗
Lilac.....	Syringa Vulgaris.....	Low.....	✗
Mock Orange.....	Philadelphus.....	Low.....	✓
Mophead Hydrangea.....	Hydrangea macrophylla.....	Low.....	✗
Oakleaf Hydrangea.....	Hydrangea quercifolia.....	Low.....	✗
Pacific Ninebark.....	Physocarpus capitatus.....	Low.....	✓
Spirea.....	Spiraea.....	Low.....	✓
Smoke Bush.....	Cotinus coggygria.....	Low.....	✗
Sweet Gale.....	Myrica gale.....	Low.....	✓
Witch Hazel.....	Hamamelis.....	Low.....	✗
SHRUBS - evergreen			
Birds Nest Spruce.....	Picea abies nidiformis.....	Low.....	✗
California Rhododendron.....	Rhododendron macrophyllum.....	Low.....	✓
Davidson's Penstemon.....	Penstemon davidsonii.....	Low.....	✓
False Azalea.....	Menziesia ferruginea.....	Low.....	✓
Hinoki False Cypress.....	Chamaecyparis obtusa.....	Low.....	✗
Pink Mountain Heather.....	Phyllodoce empetrifloris.....	Low.....	✓
Snowbrush.....	Ceanothus velutinus.....	Low.....	✓
Threadleaf Cypress.....	Chamaecyparis pisifera.....	Low.....	✗
White Flowered Rhododendron.....	Rhododendron albiflorum.....	Low.....	✓
White Mountain Heather.....	Cassiope mertensiana.....	Low.....	✓
Yellow Mountain Heather.....	Phyllodoce glanduliflora.....	Low.....	✓
GROUND COVER			
Aster.....	Aster sp.....	Low.....	✓
Bracken Fern.....	Pteridium aquilinum.....	Low.....	✓
Foam Flower.....	Tiarella.....	Low.....	✓
Goats Beard.....	Aruncus Sylvester/dioicus.....	Low.....	✓
Hosta.....	Hosta spp.....	Low.....	✗
Large Leafed Lupine.....	Lupinus polyphyllus.....	Low.....	✓
Red Columbine.....	Aquilegia formosa.....	Low.....	✓
Sword Fern.....	Polystichum munitum.....	Low.....	✓
Yarrow/Common Yarrow.....	Achillea millefolium.....	Low.....	✓
Yellow Marsh Marigold.....	Caltha palustris.....	Low.....	✓

NOT RECOMMENDED

Common name	Botanical name	Attractant rating	Native species
TREES - deciduous			
Apple, cherry, plum species.....	Prunus species.....	High.....	✗
European Bird Cherry.....	Prunus padus.....	High.....	✗
Japanese Barberry.....	Berberis thunbergii.....	High.....	✗
Pear species.....	Pyrus species.....	High.....	✗
Sitka Mountain Ash.....	Sorbus sitchensis.....	High.....	✓
Red Elderberry.....	Sambucus racemosa.....	High.....	✓
Rowan Tree.....	Sorbus spp.....	High.....	✓
Pacific Crabapple.....	Malus fusca.....	High.....	✓
SHRUBS - deciduous			
Alaskan Blueberry.....	Vaccinium alaskaense.....	High.....	✓
Alpine Currant.....	Ribes alpinum.....	High.....	✗
Baldhip Rose.....	Rosa gymnocarpa.....	Medium.....	✓
Beaked Hazelnut.....	Corylus cornuta.....	Low.....	✓
Bitter Cherry.....	Prunus emarginata.....	Medium.....	✓
Black Chokeberry.....	Aronia melanocarpa.....	High.....	✓
Black Hawthorn.....	Crataegus douglasii.....	Medium.....	✓
Black Swamp Gooseberry.....	Ribes lacustre.....	Medium.....	✓
Burkwood Viburnum.....	Viburnum x burkwoodii.....	High.....	✗
Chokecherry.....	Prunus virginiana.....	High.....	✓
Devil's Club.....	Oplopanax horridus.....	High.....	✓
Highbush Cranberry.....	Viburnum edule.....	Medium.....	✓
Indian Plum.....	Oemleria cerasiformis.....	Medium.....	✓
Meidiland Rose.....	Rosa meidiland.....	Low.....	✗
Nootka Rose.....	Rosa nutkana.....	Low.....	✓
Pavement Rose.....	Rosa rugosa.....	Medium.....	✗
Red Flowering Currant.....	Ribes sanguineum.....	Medium.....	✓
Red Huckleberry.....	Vaccinium parvifolium.....	High.....	✓
Red/Black Raspberry.....	Rubus Idaeus.....	High.....	✓
Red-osier Dogwood.....	Cornus stolonifera.....	High.....	✓
Salmonberry.....	Rubus spectabilis.....	High.....	✓
Saskatoon/Service berry.....	Amelanchier alnifolia.....	High.....	✓
Snowberry.....	Symphoricarpos.....	Low.....	✓
Soapberry/Soopollalie.....	Shepherdia canadensis.....	High.....	✓
Stink Currant.....	Ribes bracteosum.....	Medium.....	✓
Thimbleberry.....	Rubus parviflorus.....	Medium.....	✓
Wild Rose.....	Rosa pisocarpa.....	Low.....	✓
SHRUBS - evergreen			
Black Twinberry.....	Lonicera involucrata.....	Medium.....	✓
Chokeberry.....	Aronia melanocarpa.....	High.....	✓
Crowberry.....	Empetrum nigrum.....	High.....	✓
Dull Oregon-grape species.....	Mahonia nervosa.....	Medium.....	✓
Himalayan Blackberry.....	Rubus discolor.....	High.....	✗
Kinnickinnick.....	Arctostaphylos uva-ursi.....	High.....	✓
Lady Fern.....	Athyrium filix-femina.....	High.....	✓
Salal.....	Gaultheria shallon.....	High.....	✓
GROUND COVER			
Bog Cranberry.....	Vaccinium oxycoccos.....	Medium.....	✓
Five-Leaved Bramble.....	Rubus pedatus.....	Low.....	✓
Horsetail.....	Equisetum.....	High.....	✓
Red Clover.....	Trifolium pratense.....	High.....	✗
Sedge.....	Carex spp.....	High.....	✓
Trailing Blackberry.....	Rubus ursinus.....	High.....	✗
White Clover.....	Trifolium repens.....	High.....	✗
Wild Strawberry.....	Fragaria virginiana/vesca.....	Medium.....	✓

Note: Riparian Area Restoration Projects. Native riparian plants listed within the 'Not Recommended' category can be used for riparian habitat restoration areas