Native Plants for Soil Stabilization

Trees & Shrubs

Red Alder: *Deciduous tree; reproduces and spreads rapidly; nitrogen-fixer*

Black Cottonwood: *Deciduous tree; reproduces and spreads rapidly; high water uptake*

Pacific Willow: *Deciduous tree; available as a livestake*

Scouler Willow: *Deciduous shrub or shrubby tree; available as a livestake*

Hooker Willow: *Deciduous shrub or shrubby tree; available as a livestake*

Sitka Willow: *Deciduous shrub or shrubby tree; available as a livestake*

Red-osier Dogwood: *Deciduous shrub; available as a livestake*

Pacific Ninebark: *Deciduous shrub; available as a livestake; not palatable to beaver*

Salmonberry: *Deciduous shrub; available as a livestake; not palatable to beaver; spreads to form thickets*

Snowberry: *Deciduous shrub; not palatable to beaver; spreads to form thickets*

Douglas Spirea: *Deciduous shrub; not palatable to beaver; spreads aggressively to form thickets*

Black Twinberry: *Deciduous shrub; not palatable to beaver; occassionally available as livestake*

Vine Maple: *Deciduous tree or shrub*

Nootka Rose: *Deciduous shrub; not palatable to beaver; spreads to form thickets*

Red Flowering Currant: *Deciduous shrub*

Serviceberry: *Deciduous shrub*

Indian Plum: *Deciduous shrub*

Groundcover

Salal: *Evergreen, low-growing shrub; spreads*

Sword Fern: *Evergreen, low-growing shrub*

Kinnikinnick: *Evergreen, low-growing shrub; spreads*

Tall Oregon Grape: *Evergreen*

Low Oregon Grape: *Evergreen*

**Although conifer trees are not generally considered "erosion superstars", they are an important part of a streamside forest. Planting Western red cedar, Douglas-fir, Sitka spruce, shore pine, and other conifer species will provide long-term soil stabilization, enhance the streamside habitat for aquatic and terrestrial wildlife, and improve water quality. Intersperse these tree species within the planting away from areas of active erosion.*

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