



Best Species for Restoration

Restoration is the process of restoring land to a wild or native state after human disturbance or interference. Restoration projects vary in size and scope from revegetating a forest scape after a home is built, to rewilding farmland, to converting a lawn into a prairie habitat to support birds and pollinators. All sites are unique. This lists highlights fast growing and spreading plants which will help stabilize soil and prevent weed encroachment, but not every plant on this list will be appropriate for every project. A successful restoration hinges on selecting plants that are appropriate for your site in terms of sun exposure, water, and slope. Please note: Building and planting near a lake or waterway carries significant risks to the health of surrounding ecosystems. Local, state, tribal, and federal regulations are in place to protect water quality, prevent flooding, and protect habitat. Please take time to familiarize yourself with all regulations before performing any restoration efforts near water.

SHRUBS

Serviceberry
Thinleaf Alder
Red-osier Dogwood^{^*}
Black Hawthorn
Silverberry
Ocean Spray[^]
Mallow Ninebark
Chokecherry
Nootka rose
Woods rose
Thimbleberry^{^*}
ALL Willows^{^*}
Snowberry[^]

Amelanchier alnifolia
Alnus incana
Cornus sericea
Crataegus douglasii
Elaeagnus commutata
Holodiscus discolor
Physocarpus malvaceus
Prunus virginiana
Rosa nootkana
Rosa woodsii
Rubus parviflorus
Salix spp.
Symphoricarpos albus

TREES

Narrow-leaved Cottonwood^{*}
Black Cottonwood^{*}
Quaking Aspen
Douglas Fir[^]
Grand Fir[^]

Populus angustifolia
Populus trichocarpa
Populus tremuloides
Pseudotsuga menziesii
Abies grandis

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RHIZOMATOUS FORBS

These species quickly colonize due to their robust, horizontal root systems. They prevent soil erosion and help mitigate weed pressure.

White Sage	<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>
Pearly Everlasting	<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>
Field Pussytoes	<i>Antennaria neglecta</i>
Rosy Pussytoes	<i>Antennaria rosea</i>
Fireweed	<i>Chamerion augustifolium</i>
Yellow Mountain Avens	<i>Dryas drummondii</i>
Maximilian Sunflower^	<i>Helianthus maximiliana</i>
Bergamot/Beebalm	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>
Wild Mint*	<i>Mentha arvensis</i>
Self-heal*	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>
Skullcap*	<i>Scutellaria lateriflora</i>
Leafy Aster	<i>Symphotrichum foliaceum</i>

SEEDING FORBS

These species quickly colonize due to the abundance of seeds produced per plant.

Arrowleaf Balsamroot^	<i>Balsamorhiza sagittata</i>
Fireweed^	<i>Chamerion augustifolium</i>
Plains Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis tinctoria</i>
Purple Prairie Clover	<i>Dalea purpurea</i>
Aspen Fleabane	<i>Erigeron speciosus</i>
Blanketflower	<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>
Large-leaved Avens*	<i>Geum macrophyllum</i>
Curlycup Gumweed	<i>Grindelia squarrosa</i>
Showy Goldeneye	<i>Heliomeris multiflora</i>
Golden Aster	<i>Heterotheca villosa</i>
Wild Blue Flax	<i>Linum lewisii</i>
Silky Lupine	<i>Lupinus sericeus</i>
Rocky Mountain Beeplant	<i>Peritoma serrulata</i>
Silverleaf Phacelia	<i>Phacelia hastata</i>
Silky Phacelia	<i>Phacelia sericea</i>
Yellow Prairie Coneflower	<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>
Black-eyed Susan^	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>
Canada Goldenrod	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>
Rocky Mountain Goldenrod	<i>Solidago multiradiata</i>
All Asters	<i>Symphotrichum spp.</i>

GROUNDCOVERS

Female Fern^*	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>
Kinnikinnick^	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>
Oregon Grape	<i>Berberis repens</i>
Male Fern^*	<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>
Wood's Strawberry	<i>Fragaria vesca</i>
Wild Strawberry	<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>
Western Sword Fern^*	<i>Polystichum munitum</i>
Birch-leaved Spirea	<i>Spiraea betulifolia</i>

GRASSES

Most native grasses are good for restoration, but these are our favorites!

Sideoats Grama^	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>
Tufted Hairgrass*	<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i>
Slender Hairgrass*	<i>Deschampsia elongata</i>
Blue Wildrye^	<i>Elymus glaucus</i>
Idaho fescue	<i>Festuca idahoensis</i>
Great Basin Wildrye^	<i>Leymus cinereus</i>
Bluebunch Wheatgrass^	<i>Pseudoroegneria spicata</i>
Little Bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>

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