

# Ecoscaping plant list

Here are some examples of low-water plants recommended for our region. Thanks to Salisbury Greenhouse, Greenland Garden Centre, Bedrock Seed Bank, previous ecoscape contest winners and Strathcona County staff for your contributions to this list.

## Low-water shrubs

**Canadian Buffaloberry** – *Sherpherdia canadensis*  
**Cinquefoil** – *Potentilla fruticosa*  
**Chokecherry** – *Prunus virginiana*  
**Golden Current** – *Ribes aureum*  
**Honeysuckle** – *Lonicera spp.*  
**Juniper** – *Juniperus horizontalis*  
**Lilac** – *Syringa spp.*  
**Pincherry** – *Prunus pensylvanica*  
**Saskatoon berry** – *Amelanchier alnifolia*  
**Snowberry** – *Symphoricarpos occidentalis*  
**Western Sandcherry** – *Prunus besseyi*  
**Wild rose** – *Rosa woodsii*  
**Wolf willow, silver berry** – *Elaeagnus commutata*

## Low-water groundcovers

**Bearberry, kinnikinnick** – *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*  
**Creeping phlox** – *Phlox subulata*  
**Hens and chicks** – *Sempervivum spp.*  
**Lamb's Ear** – *Stachys byzantina*  
**Maiden Pinks** – *Dianthus deltoids*  
**Mother of thyme** – *Thymus serpyllum*  
**Potentilla** – *Potentilla spp.*  
**Pussytoes** – *Antennaria spp.*  
**Snow in summer** – *Cerastium tomentosum*  
**Yarrow** – *Achillea millefolium*

## Vines

**Bittersweet** – *Celastrus scandens*  
**Clematis** – *Clematis alpina*  
**Honeysuckle vine** – *Lonicera x brownii*  
**Morning glory** – *Ipomoea spp.*  
**Purple peavine** – *Lathyrus venosus*

## Deciduous trees

**Amur maple** – *Acer ginnala*  
**Aspen poplar** – *Populus tremuloides*

**Balsam poplar** – *Populus balsamifera*  
**Manitoba maple** – *Acer negundo*  
**Mayday** – *Prunus padus*  
**Russian olive** – *Elaeagnus angustifolia*

## Lawn alternatives

**Blue grama grass** – *Bouteloua gracilis*  
**Phlox** – *Phlox spp.*  
**Sheep fescue, blue fescue** – *Festuca spp.*  
**Woolly thyme** – *Thymus pseudolanuginosus*

## Low-water perennials

**Bergenia** – *Bergenia cordifolia*  
**Blue flax** – *Linum lewisii*  
**Feather reed grass** – *Calamagrostis spp.*  
**Gaillardia, Blanket flower** – *Gaillardia aristata*  
**Golden Margeurite** – *Anthemis tinctoria*  
**Globe Thistle** – *Echinops ritro*  
**Johnny-jump-up** – *Viola tricolor*  
**Lilac Penstemone** – *Penstemon gracilis*  
**Poppies** – *Papaver spp.*  
**Purple coneflower** – *Echinacea spp.*  
**Salvia** – *Salvia spp.*  
**Showy Fleabane** – *Erigeron speciosus*  
**Silver brocade artemisia** – *Artemisia stellerana*  
**Stonecrop** – *Sedum spp.*  
**Tall Blue Lungwort** – *Mertensia paniculata*  
**Wooly Speedwell** – *Veronica incana*

## Native grasses

**Awned Wheatgrass** – *Agropyron subsecundum*  
**Big Bluestem** – *Andropogon gerardii*  
**Blue Grama** – *Bouteloua gracilis*  
**Canada Wild Rye** – *Elymus canadensis*  
**Carex** – *Carex praticola*  
**Common Reed Grass** – *Phragmites communis*

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