

SOME COMMON PLANTS OF
CAPE PERPETUA CAMPGROUND
 SIUSLAW NATIONAL FOREST, OREGON COAST



Sitka Spruce (*Picea sitchensis*) (tree; needles short, stiff, sharp, solitary, in whorls; “fish-scale” bark)



Western Red Cedar (*Thuja plicata*) (tree; leaves scaly, “fern-like”; bark stringy and fibrous)



Western Hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*) (tree; needles, flexible, not pointed, in a flat plane; small cones)



Red Alder (*Alnus rubra*) (tree; leaf broad, with serrated margins; very small cones)

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Pacific Rhododendron (*Rhododendron macrophyllum*) (bush or small tree; pink to white flower)



Red Elderberry (*Sambucus racemosa*) (bush or small tree; **not edible** for humans but birds love them)



Salal (*Gaultheria shallon*) (bush; edible berries; leaf is large, 2 ½ to 3 inches, pointed, with smooth margins)



Black Twinberry (*Lonicera involucrata*) (bush; usually two berries “twinned” in setting of red bracts; berries **NOT edible** but birds like them)

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Red Huckleberry (*Vaccinium parvifolium*) (bush; berries edible, tasty)



Evergreen Huckleberry (*Vaccinium ovatum*) (bush; berries edible; leaves are opposed, small, about an inch, pointed, with serrated margins)



Himalayan Blackberry (*Rubus bifrons*) (non-native; robust thorny vine or bush; wide petals on flowers; berries edible and delicious)



Trailing Blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*) (native; thorny vine; flowers with narrow petals; choice edible berry)

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Thimbleberry (*Rubus parviflorus*) (bush; large, lobed leaves with toothed margins; cap-like berry soft when ripe, falls off easy; edible, tangy)



Salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis*) (bush; berry edible and tasty when salmon to reddish, ripe May to July)



Coast Strawberry (*Fragaria chiloensis*) (ground-hugging, vine-like; small leaves; berries are tiny, edible and delicious)



Cow Parsnip (*Heracleum maximum*) (upright stalks with crowns of small, clustered flowers; very large leaves with sharp-tipped lobes)

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Water Parsley (*Oenanthe sarmentosa*) (spreading in ditches; flat topped clusters of small flowers; leaves deeply cut, forming toothed leaflets)



White Morning Glory (*Calystegia sepium*) (invasive climbing vine pest)



Atlantic Ivy (*Hedera hibernica*) (invasive, ground or climbing vine pest)



Western Wild Cucumber (*Marah oreganus*) (climbing vine)

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False Lily-of-the-Valley (ground-hugging) (*Maianthemum dilatatum*)

Wood Sorrel (*Oxalis acetosella*) (3 leafed; but much larger than clover; along trails, rarely in lawn; edible, tangy)



White Clover (*Trifolium repens*) (3 leafed, in the lawn)



English Daisy (*Bellis perennis*) (small flower, about half inch wide; abundant in the lawn; broad leaves)



Oxeye Daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*) (large flower, about 2 inches wide; tall stalked; leaf small, long, with teeth; found along road, rarely in lawn)

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Siberian Miner's Lettuce (*Claytonia sibirica*)



Western Skunk Cabbage (*Lysichiton americanus*)

Birdsfoot Trefoil (the 5 leaflets resemble a bird's foot) (*Lotus corniculatus*)



Monkey Flower (*Mimulus sp.*)



Buttercup (*Ranunculus sp.*)

Avens (*Guem sp.*) (tall, up to 2 or 3 feet)

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Dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*) (has hairless, sharply jagged leaves; hollow, unforked stems that ooze milky latex when broken)



Hairy Cat's Ear (*Hypochaeris radicata*) (leaves hairy and lobed, not jagged; stems forked and solid)



Prickly Sow Thistle (*Lysichiton americanus*) (tall; prickly, distinctive leaves; invasive, noxious weed)



Bull Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*) (sharp spines on leaves & stems; invasive, noxious weed)

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Northwestern Hedge Nettle (*Stachys mexicana*)



Pacific Bleeding Heart (*Dicentra Formosa*)



Western Dock (*Rumex occidentalis*)

(Upright stem, unbranched until top; grows in wet areas)

Purple Foxglove (poisonous)

(*Digitalis purpurea*)



Oregon Iris (*Iris tenax*)

(leaves thin and grass-like)

Western Trillium (*Trillium ovatum*)

(large, three-part, white or pinkish flower)

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Heal-all (*Prunella vulgaris*) (clublike cluster of tiny flowers; edible, supposed medicinal properties)



Common Vetch (*Vicia sativa*)



Nasturtium (*Tropaeolum majus*)



English Plantain (invasive; thin, spindly stems)
(*Plantago lanceolata*)

Common Plantain (*Plantago major*)
(leaves 5-9 big veins; edible; supposed medicinal properties)

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Goats Beard (*Aruncus dioicus*)



Western Sword Fern (*Polystichum munitum*)

(largest fern around; bush-like clumps)

Bracken Fern (intricately branched)

(*Pteridium aquilinum*)



Horsetail (*Equisetum sp.*) (segmented stems; whorls)

**This guide will help you recognize plants in the Cape Perpetua Campground.
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