

# Kirkland Plant List - Groundcovers

Recommendations for Required Landscaping and Restoration Planting



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<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> Kinnikinnick	1/6		•	•		•				•	Leaves turn red in winter; has pink or red berries and white to pink flowers. Good for planting on slopes. Desirable and easily available.
<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i> Lady Fern	4/3	•		•	•	•	•	•			Lacy and delicate shade-loving fern. Dies back in winter and emerges in the spring.
<i>Blechnum spicant</i> Deer Fern	1/2		•	•	•		•	•		•	Glossy green fronds make this an excellent border or accent plant.
<i>Carex obnupta</i> Slough Sedge	3/3		•		•	•	•	•			Sedges have edges to their dark green, broad, and upright grass-like leaves. Semi-evergreen. Highly desirable and easily available.
<i>Carex stipata</i> Sawbeak sedge	2/2		•		•	•	•	•			Has flat leaves and often grows in with other types of sedges and cattails. The seeds provide food for waterfowl.
<i>Carex utriculata (rostrata)</i> Beaked sedge	3/4		•		•	•	•	•			Frost-tolerant with flat, long, and wide stems.
<i>Cornus stolonifera</i> Bunchberry	2/4	•	•	•	•	•	•				Stays evergreen; white blossoms; red berries

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<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i> Tufted Hair Grass	2/4+	•	•		•	•	•	•		Stays evergreen with water. Yellow blossoms. Spreads easily.
<i>Eleocharis</i> spp. Spikerush	2/2		•			•	•	•	•	Spikerushes have solid dark green round stems. Highly desirable and easily available.
<i>Mahonia (Berberis) nervosa</i> Low Oregon Grape	2/4		•		•			•	•	Does best in partial sun to lightly shaded areas; blue berries. Highly desirable groundcover that is easily available.
<i>Polystichum munitum</i> Sword Fern	4/4		•		•			•	•	Does best in shade, fronds are dark green, gray-green on underside. Highly desirable and easily available. Remove older brown fronds.
<i>Scirpus acutus</i> Hardstem Bulrush	4/3	•				•	•	•		Wetland groundcover provides food for small mammals and shelter for waterfowl.
<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i> Small-fruited Bulrush	2/3	•				•	•	•		A common wetland native. Despite its common name, this is a sedge, not a rush.

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