PLANTS FOR PORTLAND AREA MEADOWS + PRAIRIE GARDENS

There are many options for planting a meadow or prairie in your Portland garden:

- **Turf Alternative Meadow –** *occasional water, annual mow, no fertilizer*
- **Oregon Wildflower Meadow –** *annual Western Oregon wildflowers for pollinators*
- **Willamette Valley Prairie Garden –** *native Willamette shortgrass prairie plants*

Turf Alternative meadow
Establish a patch of grassland by seeding and/or planting plugs of a single species or variable amounts of several; interplant native bulbs and tubers for seasonal color. After establishment, trim or high mow annually in late summer to early fall.

> *Carex tumulicola* **(foothill sedge)**
> Deciduous & rhizomatous sedge for sunny mesic soils
> *Danthonia californica* **(California oatgrass)**
> Semi-deciduous grass for sunny mesic to xeric soils:
> Self sowing after establishment
> *Festuca rubra ssp. commutata* **(chewings fescue)***
> Shade tolerant non-native semi-evergreen bunchgrass for mesic/xeric soils
> *Juncus tenuis* **(slender rush)**
> Part-shade tolerant deciduous rush for mesic soils;
> Self sowing after establishment

Oregon Wildflower Meadow
Sow a mix of annual Western Oregon wildflowers for a temporary meadow or overseed areas planted to widely spaced perennials. Some annuals will self sow the following year.

> *Clarkia amoena* **(farewell to spring)**
> *Clarkia purpurea* **(farewell to spring)**
> *Collinsia grandiflora* **(blue-eyed Mary)**
> *Collomia grandiflora* **(grand collomia)**
> *Epilobium densiflorum* **(dense-spike primrose)**
> *Eschscholzia californica* **(California poppy)***
> *Gilia capitata* **(blue field gilia)**
> *Lotus micranthus* **(deervetch)**
> *Lotus unifoliolatus [purshiana]* **(clover)**
> *Lupinus bicolor* **(bi-color lupine)**
> *Lupinus polycarpus* **(small flower lupine)***
> *Madia elegans* **(common tarweed)**
> *Madia gracilis* **(slender tarweed)**
> *Plectritis congesta* **(rosy plectritis)**
> *Sanguisorba annua [S. occidentalis]* **(prairie burnet)**

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Willamette Valley Prairie Garden

Plant a site appropriate selection of native Willamette Valley grasses and wildflowers.

Bromus carinatus **(California brome)**
Bromus vulgaris **(Columbia brome)**
Danthonia californica **(California oatgrass)**
Elymus glaucus **(blue wildrye)**
Festuca californica **(California fescue)**
Festuca roemeri **(Roemer's fescue)**
Juncus tenuis **(slender rush)**
Koeleria micrantha **(June grass)**
Poa secunda **(one-sided bluegrass)**

Achillea millefolium **(Western yarrow)**
Anaphalis margaritacea **(pearly everlasting)**
Aquilegia formosa **(Western columbine)**
Asclepias speciosa **(showy milkweed)***
Brodiaea coronaria **(crown brodiaea)**
Camassia quamash **(common camas lily)**
Camassia leitchlinii **(great camas lily)**
Collomia grandiflora **(large-leaf collomia)**
Dichelostemma congestum **(ookow)**
Eriophyllum lanatum **(Oregon sunshine)**
Erythronium oregonum **(fawn lily)**
Fragaria virginiana v. platypetala **(meadow strawberry)**
Fritillaria affinis **(checker lily)**
Geranium oreganum **(Oregon geranium)***
Gilia capitata **(blue field gilia)**
Iris tenax **(tough-leafed iris)**
Lomatium dissectum **(fernleaf biscuitroot)***
Lomatium nudicaule **(barestem biscuitroot)***
Lomatium utriculatum **(common biscuitroot)**
Lotus unifoliatus [purshiana] **(single-leaf clover)**
Lupinus polyphyllus **(large leaf lupine)**
Heuchera micrantha **(alumroot)**
Penstemon ovatus **(broad-leaf penstemon)**
Perideridia oregana **(Oregon yampah)**
Potentilla glandulosa **(sticky cinquefoil)**
Potentilla gracilis **(slender cinquefoil)**
Pteridium aquilinum **(bracken fern)**
Ranunculus occidentalis **(Western buttercup)**
Sidalcea campestris **(field mallow)**
Sidalcea virgata **(rose checkermallow)***
Solidago canadensis **(goldenrod)**
Symphyotrichum hallii **(Hall's aster)***
Symphyotrichum subspicatum **(Douglas' aster)**
Triteleia hyacinthina **(white brodiaea)**
Wyethia angustifolia **(mule's ears)***

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