SUNNY RAIN GARDEN PLANTS

TALL

1. Red Elderberry
Sambucus racemosa

Deciduous up to 20 ft., white flowers in spring, red berries in early summer. Plant in the bowl of the rain garden.

2. Vine Maple *Acer circinatum*

Deciduous shrubby tree up to 25 ft., bright green leaves turn brilliant red in the fall, smooth green bark provides garden interest in winter. Plant in bowl of garden.

3. Evergreen huckleberry
Vaccinium ovatum

Evergreen 4 to 8 ft. light pink flowers, spring to summer, edible, beautiful foliage with some fall color. Slow growing.

MEDIUM

4. Rush (various species)
Juncus sp.

Clumped, spikey grass-like plants evergreen up to 3 ft. Smooth, rounded stems, deep roots increase filtration rates. Check for shade tolerance before purchase; plant in bowl of garden.

5. Sedge (various species)
Carex sp.

Clumped evergreen grass-like plants up to 3 ft. Tufted structure with foliage ranging from greens to bronze. Provides year-round garden interest; check for shade tolerance before purchase. Plant in bowl of garden.

6. Oregon Iris *Iris tenax*
Up to 2 ft. purple blooms in spring, dark green blades.

SHORT

7. Kinnikinnick
Arctostaphylos uva-ursi

Spreading shrub up to 8 in. Low-growing evergreen groundcover with drooping pink flowers and red berries. Plant along drier outer edges of garden.
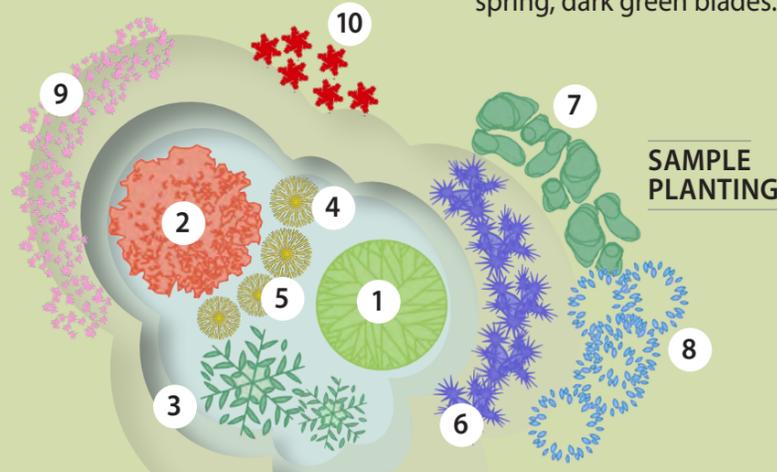
8. Camas *Camassia quamash*

Perennial wildflower from bulb up to 2 ft. produces dazzling blue flowers with yellow centers. Plant along drier outer edges of garden.

9. Checkermallow *Sidalcea sp.*

Perennial wildflower up to 2 ft., showy clusters of pink flowers favored by butterflies. Plant along drier edges of garden.

10. Red Columbine
Aquilegia formosa

Perennial wildflower up to 3 ft., taller wildflower with multiple drooping red and yellow flowers. Prefers dappled sun; plant along drier outer edges of garden.

SAMPLE PLANTING

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