

## Resources and sources for growing native wildflowers in San Juan County

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### How to grow native wildflowers and grasses

From Vancouver Island, “The Garry Oak Gardeners Handbook” contains good ideas and landscaping plans using our native wildflowers and grasses. Free download available from the Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team (GOERT) at [http://www.goert.ca/publications\\_resources/general.php](http://www.goert.ca/publications_resources/general.php)

“Planting Native Oak in the Pacific Northwest”, USDA booklet, free download available at <http://www.arlis.org/docs/vol1/B/547193245.pdf>

“Gardening with Native Plants of the Pacific Northwest: An Illustrated Guide” by Arthur Kruckeberg, University of Washington Press, 1996.

The Xerces Society has many great resources about planting for pollinators, including this general guide to creating a wildflower meadow. Free download at <http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/EstablishingPollinatorMeadows.pdf>

### Favorite field guides

“Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast” by Pojar and Mackinnon, Lone Pine Publishing, 1994.

“Wild Plants of the San Juan Islands” by Scott Atkinson & Fred Sharpe, The Mountaineers, 1985.

### Where to get plants or seed

Fourth Corner Nursery – wholesale native plant nursery in Whatcom County - well-established, wide selection [fourthcornernurseries.com/](http://fourthcornernurseries.com/)

Plantas Nativa – retail native plant nursery in Whatcom County. <http://www.plantasnativa.com/>

Salish Seeds Project/San Juan County Land Bank: [elizah@sjclandbank.org](mailto:elizah@sjclandbank.org) or 360-378-4402

Guidelines for collecting seed and plants from the wild are available from the Washington Native Plant Society at <http://www.tardigrade.org/natives/plantcollect.html>

Whidbey Island based Northwest Meadowscares sells a regional wildflower mix and other native seed. <https://northwestmeadowscares.com/collections/all>

Heritage Seedlings in Oregon sells native seed – not local to the San Juans, but regional – and has good information about site prep and seeding. <http://www.heritageseedlings.com/>