

Plant Portfolio

Field Biology

Using blank sheets of 8.5 x 11 inch paper, folded in half and stapled together, create a plant portfolio. On each page of your portfolio, create a space for the following information:

- a. The plant's common (familiar) name
- b. The plant's scientific name
- c. One or two sketches of the plant
- d. A description of the plant's appearance
- e. Interesting ecological / scientific facts about the plant (including whether it is native or non-native).

Work individually on this assignment. Some of the information you need will be discussed in class; time will be provided for you to do internet research to complete the rest of the sections of your portfolio.

A great resource for information about these plants is the USDA Plant Database: <http://plants.usda.gov/>. Another great site is OSU's horticulture department: <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/ldplants/>.

| Common Name | Scientific Name | Part to Sketch |
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| Salal | <i>Gaultheria shallon</i> | Leaf |
| Vine Maple | <i>Acer circinatum</i> | Leaf |
| Big Leaf Maple | <i>Acer macrophyllum</i> | Leaf |
| White Alder | <i>Alnus rhombifolia</i> | Leaf |
| Pacific Dogwood | <i>Cornus nuttallii</i> | Leaf |
| Blue Ryegrass | <i>Elymus glaucus</i> | Seed head |
| Oregon Ash | <i>Fraxinus latifolia</i> | Leaf |
| Cow Parsnip | <i>Heracleum lanatum</i> | Entire plant |
| Garry Oak or Oregon White Oak | <i>Quercus garryana</i> | Leaf |
| Osoberry | <i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i> | Leaf |
| Poison Oak | <i>Rhus diversiloba</i> or <i>Toxicodendron diversilobum</i> | Leaf |
| Trailing Blackberry | <i>Rubus ursinus</i> | Leaf |
| English Ivy | <i>Hedera helix</i> | Entire plant |
| Himalayan Blackberry | <i>Rubus discolor</i> | Leaf |
| Horsetail | <i>Equisetum arvense</i> | Entire plant |