Plant Portfolio

Field Biology

Using blank sheets of 8.5×11 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 name
- b. The plant's scientific name
- c. A sketch of the plant showing lots of detail
- d. A description of the plant's appearance
- e. At least three interesting ecological / scientific facts about the plant. You **must** include whether it is native or non-native. Other interesting areas to potentially research are type of soil the plant needs, amount of rain or sun required, shade tolerance, or fire tolerance.

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 the OSU Horticulture Department: http://oregonstate.edu/dept/ldplants/.

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