

# NATIVE PLANT ALTERNATIVES TO ENGLISH IVY



English Ivy is a non-native, invasive plant that is severely damaging our urban forests and has been added to the WA State Noxious Weed List. It is often used as an ornamental climber or as a groundcover. Below is a list of native plants that can be used in its place.

## CLIMBERS

**Western trumpet honeysuckle**  
(*Lonicera ciliosa*) partial to full shade

## GROUNDCOVER

**beach strawberry**  
(*Fragaria chiloensis*) sun, part shade;  
dry to moderate moisture

**bunchberry, Canadian dogwood**  
(*Cornus canadensis*) partial to full shade;  
humus-rich soil

**coltsfoot**  
(*Petasites palmatus*) moist shade

**false lily-of-the-valley**  
(*Maianthemum dilatatum*) full to partial shade;  
moist soil

**fringe cup**  
(*Tellima grandiflora*) partial shade;  
moist soil

**inside-out flower**  
(*Vancouveria hexandra*) sun to shade

**kinnikinnick**  
(*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*) sun, some shade;  
well drained soil

**low Oregon grape**  
(*Mahonia nervosa*) prefers shade;  
can tolerate sun

**Lyngby's sedge**  
(*Carex lyngbyei*) moist shade

**oak fern**  
(*Gymnocarpium dryopteris*) dry to moist shade or  
partial shade

**partridgefoot**  
(*Luetkea pectinata*) sun; moist acid soil

**slough sedge**  
(*Carex obnupta*) moist shade

**sword fern**  
(*Polystichum munitum*) dry to moist shade;  
moist sun

**twinflower**  
(*Linnaea borealis*) partial to full shade

**vanilla leaf**  
(*Achlys triphylla*) partial sun;  
dry to moist soil

**wood sorrel**  
(*Oxalis oregana*) wet or dry shade

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## SOME BENEFITS OF NATIVE PLANTS

- ✿ Native plants are drought tolerant and do not require extra water once they are established.
- ✿ Native plants provide food and nesting sites for native wildlife
- ✿ Native plants do not require fertilizers or pesticides, which helps to preserve water quality.
- ✿ Roots of native plants reach varying depths in the soil which helps to distribute water through the soil and hold the soil in place.

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