



2012

**Native Plant
Calendar**

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Our Mission:

To generate interest, even passion, in the magnificent native plants of the Pacific Northwest through information and illustration.

Continuing in the tradition of Wally Hansen, native plant gardener, we are pleased to provide this monthly calendar for 2012 featuring perennials native to the Pacific region of North America.

Please to enjoy.

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Columbian Larkspur,
Trollium-Leafed Larkspur,
Cow Poison
Delphinium trollifolium

Columbian Larkspur, Trollium-
Leaved Larkspur,
Cow Poison

*Delphinium
trollifolium*

Intensely colored
blooms are the
hallmark of this
native perennial.
The deeply lobed
leaves provide a
lacy texture to the
shade garden.

Look for Delphinium
trollifolium in
southern Washing-
ton to northern
California in moist
shady woods and
banks of streams,
ponds or lakes.



January 2012

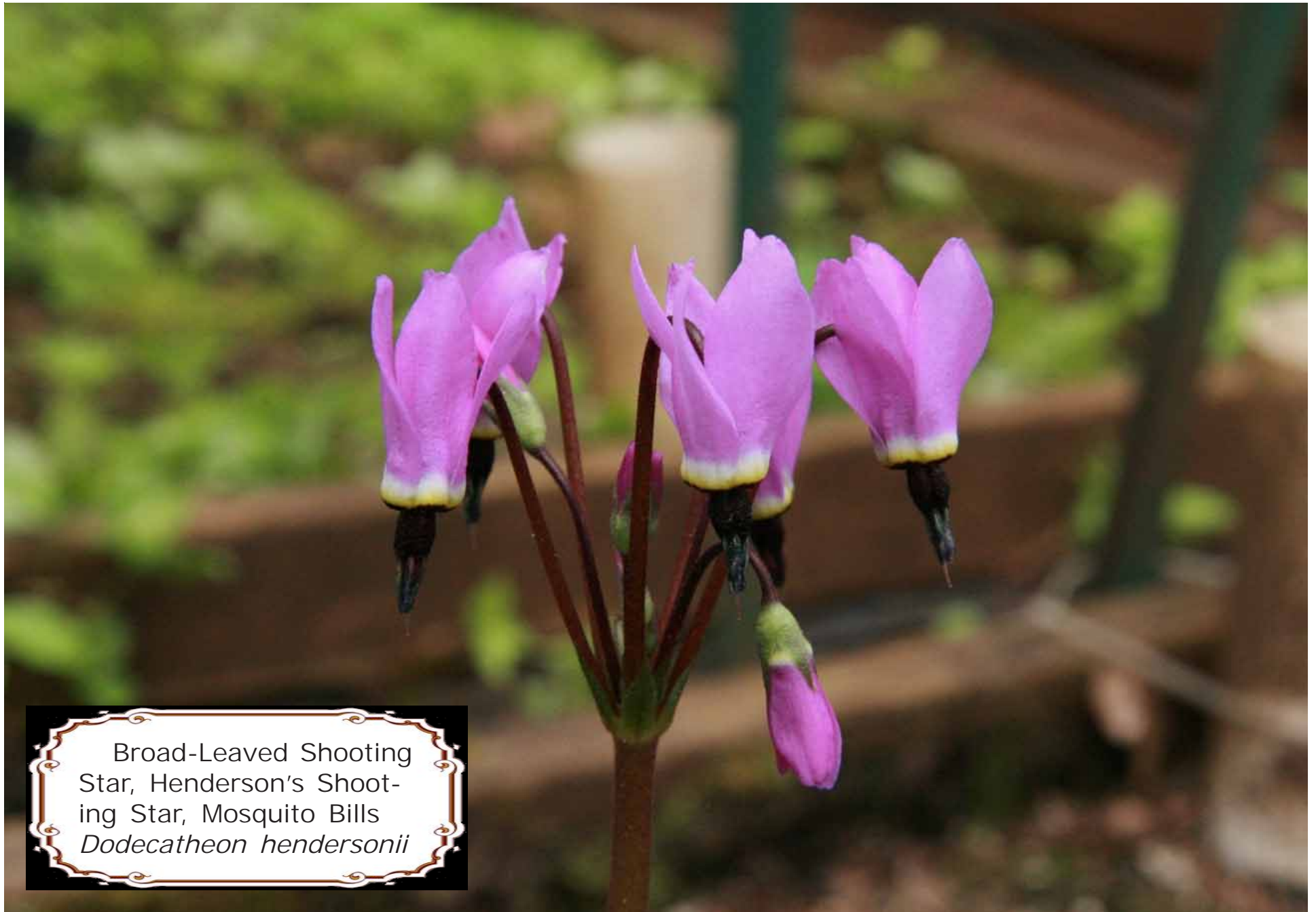
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Years	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 M.L.K. Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Caution: Though of great beauty, most delphiniums are toxic to some degree. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center website notes:

“Botanists usually call all species delphinium. Cattle ranchers, who despise the plants because of their toxicity to livestock, call all species larkspur.”

See www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=DETR2

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Broad-Leaved Shooting
Star, Henderson's Shoot-
ing Star, Mosquito Bills
Dodecatheon hendersonii

Broad-Leaved
Shooting Star,
Henderson's
Shooting Star,
Mosquito Bills

*Dodecatheon
hendersonii*

Growing wild from
Vancouver Island,
B.C., to southern
Oregon on the west
side of the Cas-
cades, and in Coast
Range as well as
Sierra Nevada to
southern California
in woods and prai-
ries at lower eleva-
tions.



February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 Presidents' Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Leap Day			

From a small, flat rosette of clustered leaves, a single flower stalk bears several rose-purple flowers in early to mid-spring. Small bulblets resembling grains of rice can be divided to make new plants. Oak woodlands are common hosts to this native of the Pacific northwest.

Native American women wore flowers from this plant as ornaments for dances and hung the blooms on baby baskets to make the baby sleepy. Roots and leaves were roasted in ashes for food.

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Giant White Fawn-Lily,
Deer's Tongue,
Wild Easter lily
Erythronium oregonum

Giant White Fawn-Lily, Deer's Tongue, Wild Easter lily

Erythronium oregonum

Found growing in prairies, rocky places, or moist woods at lower elevations from British Columbia through Oregon west of the Cascade Mountains.

The mottled green leaves are as beautiful as the flowers!



March 2012

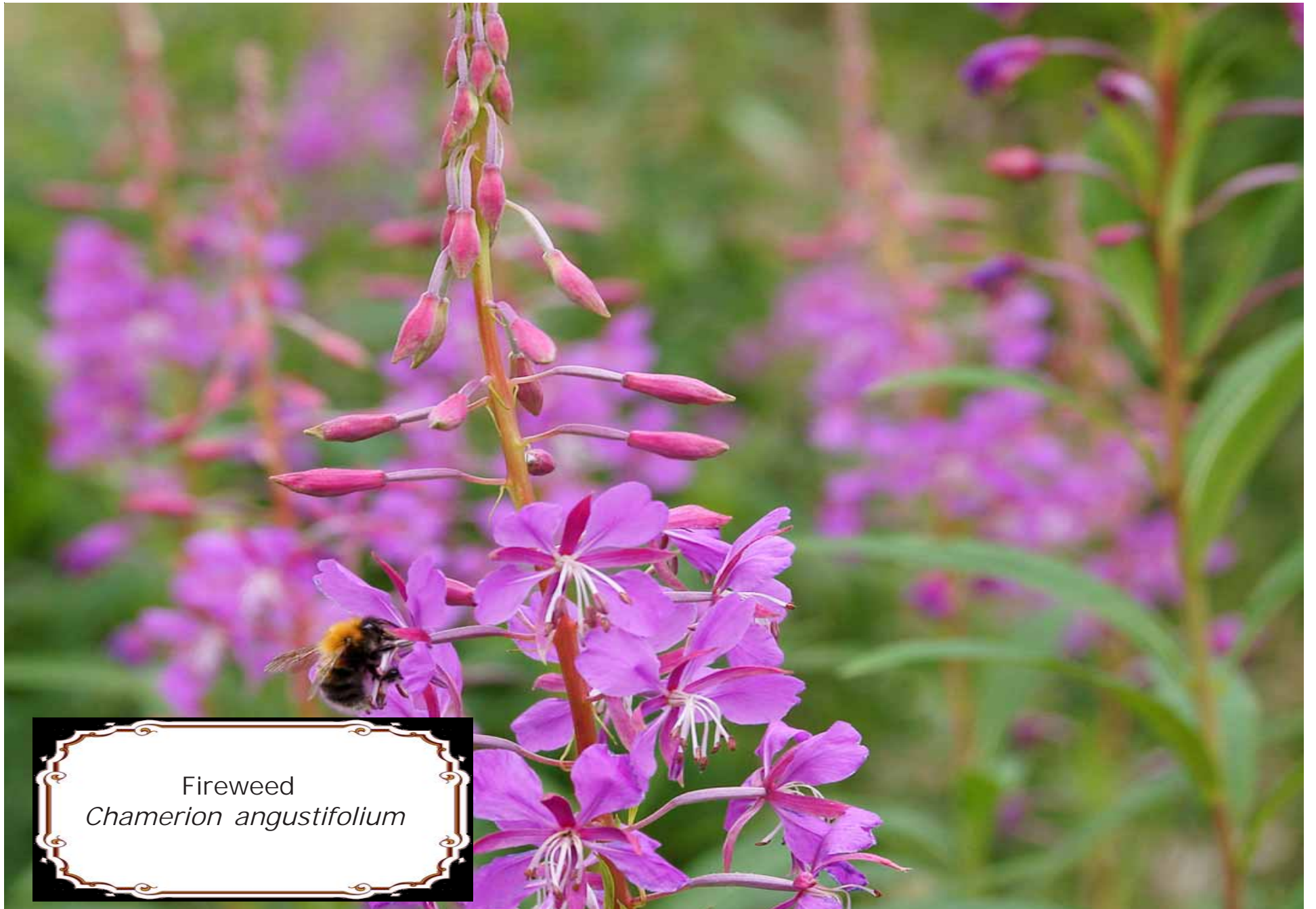
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Daylight Savings	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20 Spring Begins	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Bush's Pasture Park in Salem, Oregon, is home to large meadows and lightly shaded deciduous trees and shrubs where these delightful flowers give profuse bloom in early spring.

The bulbs of this plant were dried and used for food by native American peoples.

It is said that deer will not eat this plant.

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Fireweed
Chamerion angustifolium

Fireweed

Chamerion angustifolium

This perennial is native throughout Washington, from Alaska to California and east to the Atlantic Ocean. It appears from sea level to subalpine open areas and occurs naturally in areas that have been burned.



April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <small>Easter</small>	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 <small>Earth Day</small>	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Once the flowers have gone by, they are replaced by what has been termed "seeds with a tuft of dingy hairs at the tip." Gather the seeds at this point, mix with wood ashes and scatter where you'd like to establish another community of Fireweed.

If you cut the stem at the bottom of the first inflorescence, a second bloom will occur from stems which grow at the base of the leaves.

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Pacific Hound's Tongue,
Grand Hound's Tongue
Cynoglossum grande

Pacific Hound's
Tongue, Grand
Hound's Tongue

*Cynoglossum
grande*

Growing in wooded areas west of the Cascades and in Washington east along the Columbia River Gorge, and from southern British Columbia to southern California.

Grand Hound's Tongue enjoys a long life and is drought tolerant. It rarely requires watering beyond that supplied by nature.



May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19 Armed Forces Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		

I discovered a sprinkling of this colorful native just at the edge of an old oak grove. In the same area were Sidalcea (Checkermallow), Fawn Lily (*Erythronium oregonum*), and Spring Queen (*Synthyris reniformis*).

The sprays of intense blue flowers with their center sparkle of white are a lovely contrast to the large luscious leaves.

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Douglas Aster
Symphyotrichum subspicatum

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Symphotrichum subspicatum

A fall blooming perennial, Douglas Aster often finds moist woods, streambanks and seashores chiefly near the Pacific coast in British Columbia and Washington.

Occasionally it will form casual clumps inland towards Idaho.

This hardy plant will spread to fill in a shady corner of the garden.



June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16
17 Fathers Day	18	19	20 Summer Begins	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

About the time Vine Maple (*Acer circinatum*) begins flaunting the gorgeous reds and golds for which they are so famous, Douglas Asters add their light purple flowers as a counterpoint to the maple's flamboyant display.

After the petals have gone by, the fluffy seedheads appear, ensuring there will be more asters next year. Plant one of these beauties in the cutting garden for long-lasting bouquets.

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Nelson's Checker-mallow
Sidalcea nelsoniana

Nelson's Checker-mallow

Sidalcea nelsoniana

This endangered perennial enjoys gravelly, well-drained soil at low elevations.



July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

I discovered this checkermallow community just south of Lewisburg in Oregon's Willamette Valley. You may find this checkerbloom in southwest Washington, south in Willamette Valley from Portland to Salem and west to Tillamook County.

As human populations wax, too often the native checkermallow populations wane. This is particularly true of those plants that find themselves growing along roadways and beside streams.

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Fringecup, Bigflower
Tellima, Fragrant Fringecup
Tellima grandiflora

Fringecup,
Bigflower Tellima,
Fragrant
Fringecup

Tellima grandiflora

Very common in damp woods, along streams and semi-shady waste places, this natural beauty does well at sea level to moderate elevations in the mountains, mostly west of the Cascades but sometimes east to north-east Washington and in the Columbia River Gorge from Alaska on south to California.



August 2012

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One of the first native perennials I learned about, Fringecup is a precious wand of delicately fringed bell-shaped flowers! I enjoy its clump of leaves as an easy care ground cover and the flowers give a long-lasting airiness in cut flower arrangements.

According to www.rainyside.com, woodland elves are said to eat fringe cups to help improve their vision. However, no research has been found to support this theory.

Pen and Ink drawing by Linda Ann Vorobik

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Pacific Trillium,
Wakerobin
Trillium ovatum

**Pacific Trillium,
Wakerobin**

Trillium ovatum

As do many north-west trilliums, this Wakerobin selects open to dense moist forests at low to mid-level elevations that are often boggy in the spring throughout British Columbia to California and from the coast to Montana and Colorado.

The photo above shows the Wakerobin's purple color that follows the first-blooming white.



September 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Autumn Begins
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Wally Hansen liked to call this trillium the "original Easter lily." Indeed, his arguments for this idea seem firmly rooted in fact. He was particularly fond of comparing the bright white blooms to little nuns sprightly marching along the forest floor. I think he grew to love the trillium from his grandfather.

The drawing at left is from the Benton County Hospice. See www.bentonhospice.org

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Small Flower Trillium,
Small Flower Wakerobin
Trillium parviflorum

Small Flower Trillium, Small Flower Wakerobin

October 2012

Trillium parviflorum

A native beauty that prefers open to dense moist forests that have mosses and much underbrush in Washington and Oregon.

Trilliums are not always easy to identify. "Nutrition, age, and even favorable position in the habitat can greatly influence plant and floral organ sizes. In many species, including T.



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28	29	30	31 Halloween			

albidum, when a single vigorous clonal clump produces many offsets, the oldest offsets may have flowers with very large petals, sepals, ovary, etc., while the younger offsets may have organs only half the size. In most sessile trilliums particularly, population averages are often more useful than isolated individual measurements, a difficult situation, indeed."

From Flora of North America, www.efloras.org

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White Inside-Out-Flower
Vancouveria hexandra

White Inside-Out-
Flower

*Vancouveria
hexandra*

Find this native in moist, shady to part shade, woods at low to moderate elevations along the western Cascades, in the south Puget Trough, in Washington to northern California.

It spreads by creeping underground rhizomes in the rich, well-drained soil it prefers.



November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 End Daylight Savings	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Rainy Side gardener grows this plant on the shady east side of her home under a Red elderberry where it "snuggles up underneath the Bleeding heart— *Dicentra spectabilis*—and Evergreen huckleberry— *Vaccinium ovatum*." She says it is evergreen there. See www.rainyside.com/plant_gallery/natives/Vancouveria_hexandra.html.

The plant was named after Captain George Vancouver, an English officer of the British Royal Navy, who explored the Pacific Coast region in his 1791-95 expedition.

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Pioneer Violet
Viola glabella

Pioneer Violet

Viola glabella

This native perennial thrives in moist woods and stream banks at low to mid-elevations in both sides of the Cascades in Washington, Alaska to California and east to Montana. It often grows in roadside ditches or seepage areas in subalpine meadows.



December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Winter Begins
23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve					

This diminutive lovely spreads by explosive seed capsules which carpet the ground around each plant. The seeds do not need dormancy breaking and can be collected in spring.

Propagation can also be done by rooting divisions in autumn or just after flowering. Usually, Pioneer Violet will form a nice colony in a few years time without special handling.

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January

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Trillium nervosum

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2013

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December						
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Showy Milkweed
Asclepias speciosa

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