

NATIVE PLANTS OF THE BOISE RIVER: Suggested Riparian Plantings

List recommended by Dr. Roger Rosentreter, BLM July 31, 2017

Common Name	Genus and Species	Notes
SHRUBS		
Red-osier dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i> (<i>stolonifera</i>)	Red stems 
Woods' rose	<i>Rosa woodsii</i>	Small straight thorns, native 
Silver sagebrush	<i>Artemisia cana</i>	Tolerates ephemeral flooding, for dry sites near the river 

Willows	<i>Salix</i> spp.	Shrub type willows 
Oak leaf sumac	<i>Rhus trilobata</i> (Grow low type or the regular taller shrub)	Drought tolerant, firewise, native 
Golden currant	<i>Ribes aureum</i>	Early spring flowers, drought tolerant 
Black Cottonwoods	<i>Populus</i> spp.	Tall trees

		
Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Tall shrubs 
Netleaf hackberry	<i>Celtis reticulata</i>	For dry rocky places near the river 
FORBS		
Louisiana sage	<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>	Herbaceous sage

		
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago Canadensis</i> or others	Herbaceous, butterfly attractant 
Willow aster	<i>Aster hesperius</i>	Tolerates flooding 
Milkweed	<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	Monarch butterflies, rhizomatous



GRASSES, and grass-like plants

Canada bluegrass

Poa compressa

Tolerates saturated and dry soils, use seeds not plants. Short drought tolerant sod forming grass



Great Basin wildrye

Elymus cinereus

Tall bunch grass



Sheep fescue

Festuca ovina

short drought tolerant bunchgrass



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