

# More Info on Site Evaluation

“Planning and Planting Your Native Garden”

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# Study environmental elements

- Soil and water interact
- Check your soil drainage rate
- Find out **when** your soil is wet or dry
- Track sun exposure across day and seasons
- Look for seasonal shade (trees leafing out)

# Match habitat to plant/plant to habitat

- Try matching your site to a known habitat (you might have more than one)
- Take plants from different habitats if in a managed (not conservation) setting
- Some California, Southern Oregon, Coastal zone plants are great garden plants!

Research the plants you are interested in via Oregon Flora Project, PNWFlowers.com, and local Conservation Districts

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Oregon Flora Project website. The background is a dense pattern of green leaves. At the top left is the logo for Oregon Flora, featuring a stylized plant and the text "OREGON FLORA". To the right of the logo are navigation links: TOOLS, RESOURCES, ABOUT, and CONTRIBUTE. Further right are links for CONTACT, DONATE, and LOGIN. A search bar with the placeholder text "Search all plants" is located in the top right corner. Below the navigation is a large green banner with white text. The main heading reads "Choose native plants for a smart, beautiful and truly Oregon garden". Below this is a paragraph: "Native plants thrive in Oregon's unique landscapes and growing conditions, making them both beautiful and wise gardening choices. Use the tools below to find plants best suited to your tastes and your yard." To the right of this text is a section titled "Why native plants?" with four bullet points: "They need less water and fewer chemicals when established.", "They attract native pollinators, birds and other helpful creatures.", "They preserve our natural landscape and support a healthy and diverse ecosystem.", and "They provide critical habitat connections for birds and wildlife." Below the banner are two main sections. The left section is titled "Search for plants" and includes the text "Start applying characteristics, and the matching plants will appear at right." and a search input field with the placeholder "Search plants by name" and a magnifying glass icon. The right section is titled "Or start with these plant combinations:" and features four cards: "Woodland Garden" with a photo of white flowers, "Meadowscape" with a photo of a field of wildflowers, "Pollinator Garden" with a photo of a variety of colorful flowers, and "Rock Garden" with a photo of colorful flowers growing on rocks. Navigation arrows are visible on the sides of the plant combination cards.

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#### Or start with these plant combinations:

- Woodland Garden**
- Meadowscape**
- Pollinator Garden**
- Rock Garden**

# Links

DIY Soil testing (more home tests Wa State Univ)

<https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2076/2018/04/C221-DIY-Soil-Tests.pdf>

Oregon Flora Project

<https://oregonflora.org/>

\*New\* Pollinator Gardening Brochure and link to Gardening Class – OSU Extension

<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/em9289>

Oregon Bee Atlas tips for pollinator protection

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/bee-atlas/oba-member-outreach-submissions>

Pacific Northwest Flowers website (photos, habitat)

<https://www.pnwflowers.com/>