

Gardening on a Slope Plant Lists

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Always Remember:

Long steep unstable or potentially unstable slopes are a professional job.

Unstable or potentially unstable slopes near structures are a professional job.

It is always better, if in doubt, to have a professional evaluate the slope.

Plants marked with * are drought tolerant once established

Sunny Sites

Trees

Acer circinatum (vine maple)*
Acer tataricum ssp. *ginnala* (Amur maple)*
Arbutus 'Marina'*
Arbutus menziesii (madrona)*
Malus toringo ssp. *sargentii* (Sargent's crabapple)
Calocedrus decurrens (incense cedar)*
Chamaecyparis nootkatensis (Alaskan yellow cedar)*
Cornus kousa (Korean or Chinese dogwood)
Cornus mas (Cornelian cherry)*
Parrotia persica (Persian ironwood)*
Picea omorika (Serbian spruce)*
Picea orientalis (Caucasian spruce)*
Tsuga mertensiana (mountain hemlock)*

Shrubs

*Abelia**
Arbutus unedo (strawberry tree)*
Arctostaphylos sp. (manzanita)*
Brachyglottis 'Sunshine'*
Ceanothus cvs. (California lilac)*
Cistus cvs. (rockrose)*
Cornus alba and *stolonifera* cvs. (red-twig dogwood)*
Cotinus cvs. (smoke bush)*
Cotoneaster sp.
Deutzia gracilis 'Nikko'
Elaeagnus pungens and *ebbingei**

Euonymus fortunei*
Fothergilla
Grevillea*
Hebe cvs.
Heptacodium miconioides (seven-sons flower)
Hibiscus syriacus (Rose-of- Sharon)
Ilex crenata (Japanese holly)*
Laurus nobilis (bay laurel)*
Lespedeza sp (bush clover).
Lithocarpus densiflorus var. echinoides (dwarf tanbark oak)*
Lonicera nitida 'Baggesen's Gold' (golden box honeysuckle)*
Lonicera pileata (privet honeysuckle)*
Mahonia sp. (grape holly)*
Myrica californica (wax myrtle)*
Olearia sp.*
Philadelphus (mock orange)*
Physocarpus (ninebark)*
Podocarpus nivalis (alpine yewpine)*
Rhamnus californica (coffee berry)*
Rhamnus frangula 'Aspleniifolia' (willow-leaf buckthorn)*
Rhus sp. (sumac)*
Ribes sanguineum (flowering current)*
Rosa sp.
Rubus pentalobus
Salix nakamuraana yezo-alpina
Salix purpurea (purple osier)*
Salix repens var. argentea (silver creeping willow)*
Sambucus cvs. (elderberry)*
Symphoricarpos albus (snow berry)*
Syringa meyeri 'Palibin' (dwarf Korean lilac)
Taxus baccata 'Repandens' (spreading yew)*
Vaccinium ovatum (evergreen huckleberry)*
Viburnum tinus (laurustinus)*
Vitex agnus-castus (chaste tree)*

Perennials

Acanthus sp. (bear's breech)*
Achillea tomentosa (wooly yarrow)
Agapanthus cvs. (lily-of-the-Nile)*
Aster modestus
Ballota*
Baptisia australis (false indigo)*
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides (dwarf plumbago)
Cortaderia selloana 'Pumila' (dwarf pampas grass)*
Dryas integrifolia
Eriophyllum lanatum*
Festuca californica (California fescue)*
Festuca ovina var. glauca (blue fescue)*
Fuchsia magellanica (hardy fuchsia)

Geranium macrorrhizum
Helichrysum tianshanicum*
Helictotrichon sempervirens (blue oat grass)*
Knopfia cvs.
Lavandula cvs.*
Miscanthus sinensis - especially narrow leaf cultivars
Molinia caerulea (purple moor grass grass)
Muhlenbergia rigens (deer grass)*
Oenothera -spreading species (evening primrose)*
Panicum virgatum (switchgrass)*
Parahebe cataractae*
Perovskia atriplifolia (Russian sage)*
Phygelius (Cape fuchsia)*
Phlomis sp.(Jerusalem sage)*
Rosmarinus officinalis (rosemary)*
Rhodanthemum hosmariense*
Romneya coulteri (Matilija poppy)*
Stipa gigantea (giant feather grass)*
Yucca sp.*
Zauschneria sp.(California fuchsia)*

Shady Sites

Trees

Acer circinatum (vine maple)*
Acer macrophyllum 'Kimballiae' (cut-leaf bigleaf maple)*
Cornus kousa (Korean or Chinese dogwood)
Cornus mas(Cornelian cherry)*
Parrotia persica (Persian ironwood)*

Shrubs

Cornus alba and stolonifera cvs. (red-twig dogwood)*
Cotoneaster sp.
Elaeagnus pungens and ebbingei*
Euonymus fortunei*
Fothergilla
Ilex crenata (Japanese holly)*
Laurus nobilis (bay laurel)*
Lonicera nitida 'Baggesen's Gold' (golden box honeysuckle)*
Lonicera pileata (privet honeysuckle)*
Mahonia sp. (grape holly)*
Myrica californica (wax myrtle)*
Physocarpus (ninebark)*
Podocarpus nivalis (alpine yewpine)*
Rhododendron macrophyllum (Pacific Coast rhododendron)
Rubus pentalobus

Sambucus cvs. (elderberry)*
Symphoricarpos albus (snow berry)*
Taxus baccata 'Repandens' (spreading yew)*
Vaccinium ovatum (evergreen huckleberry)*
Viburnum tinus (laurustinus)*

Perennials

Actaea rubra (red baneberry)
Asarum caudatum (wild ginger)*
Burnnera macrophylla*
Dryopteris affinis 'Barnesii' (fern)*
Dryopteris x complexa 'Stableri' (fern)*
Fuchsia magellanica (hardy fuchsia)
Epimedium 'Black Sea'*
Epimedium perralderianum*
Epimedium pinnatum ssp. colchicum*
Epimedium x perralchicum*
Epimedium x rubrum*
Epimedium x versicolor*
Epimedium x warleyense*
Gymnocarpium dryopteris (oak fern)*
Helleborus x hybridus
Hosta cvs.
Luzula sylvatica (woodrush)
Osmunda regalis (royal fern)
Oxalis oregana*
Polygonatum sp. (Solomon's seal)
Polystichum munitum (sword fern)*
Polystichum setiferum (soft shield fern)*
Smilacina racemosa (false Solomon's seal)*
Tellima sp. (foamflower)
Trachystemon orientalis*
Vancouveria hexandra (inside out flower)*