

Flora of The West





Western Red
Cedar
(*Thuja plicata*
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Maiden Blue Eyed
Mary
(*Collinsia parviflora*
Lindl.)



Big Bluestem
(*Andropogon gerardii* Vitman)



Black Cottonwood
(*Populus balsamifera trichocarpa* -
Torr. - Gray Ex
hook



Arrowleaf Balsam-
root (*Balsamorhiza*
sagittata (Pursh)
Nutt)



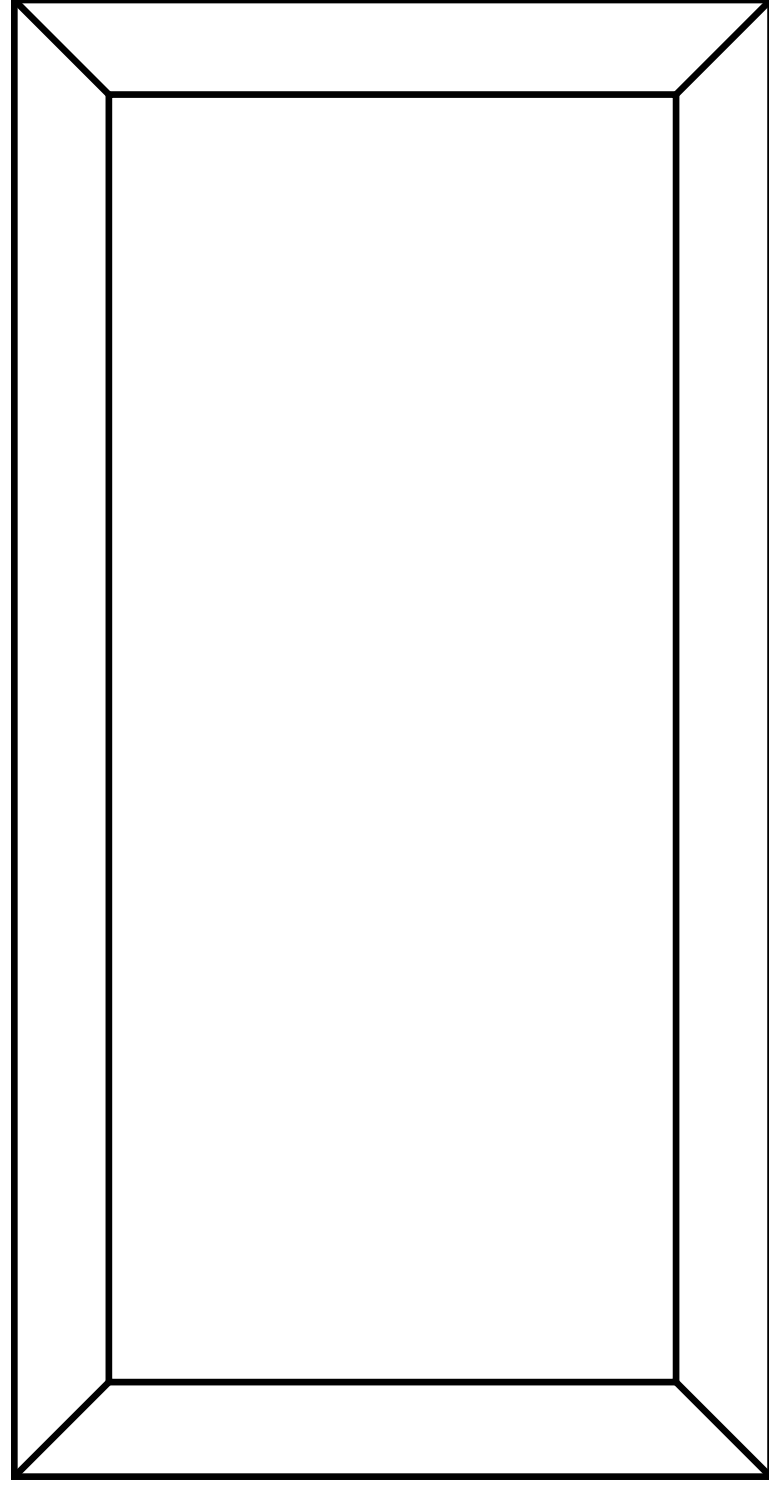
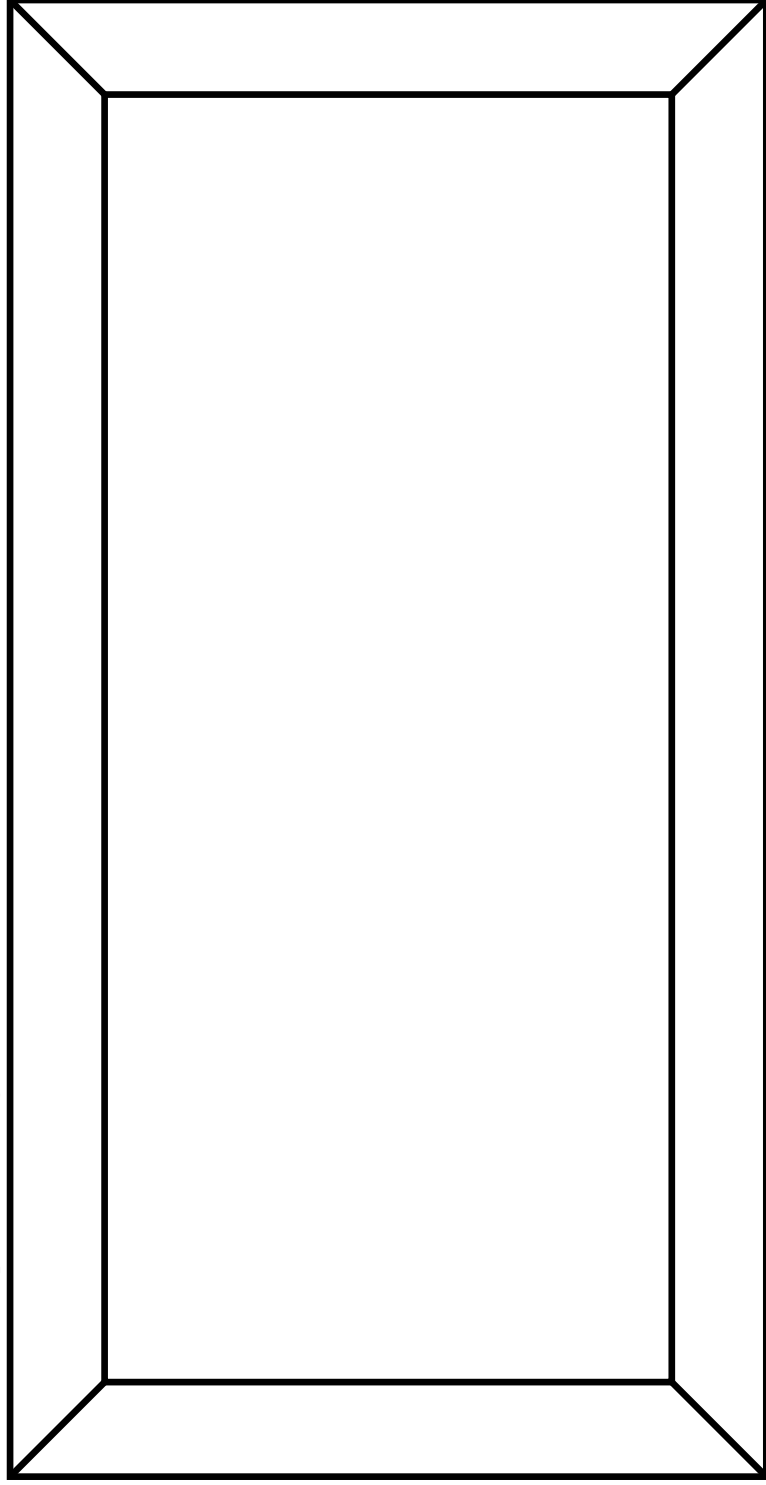
Wood's Rose
(*Rosa woodsii* Lindl.)



Oregon Bitterroot
or Rock Rose
(*Cistus Incanus* L.)



Blue elderberry
(*Sambucus nigra ce-
rulea* L. (Raf.) R.
Bolli)



- *Lewis and Clark explored the Yellowstone River in a boat made of lashed cottonwood trees.*
- *Cottonwood trees grow along many plains rivers. They provided shelter, transportation and shade for the expedition.*
- *Big bluestem along with prairie junegrass and side oats grama provide shelter for animals.*
- *The whitebark pine tree produces a red nut that Clark's nutcracker, the red squirrel and grizzly bear all need for food.*
- *The Oregon bitterroot, also called the rock rose, was part of the Native American's diet. They ate the thick taproots.*

Options:

1. Writers: Just like Lewis and Clark kept nature journal and sketches, your children that are older can jot down one or two extra facts about the flora in the blank space at the bottom of each card.
2. Non writers: Draw and/or color the seed of each tree or flower at the bottom of each card.
3. Or leave blank at the bottom of each card..

The blank cards are for facts or flora that you might want to list or use the premade information sheet to learn facts and add to your pocket.