

ALTERNATE CROPS - PLANT LIST
March 2001 - Al Oliver, Special Crops Horticulturist

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| Agrimony | Agromonia eupatoria | herb | | x | | | | | | |
| Alfalfa | Medicago sativa | leaves | | x | | | | | x | x |
| Allheal (healall) | Prunella vulgaris | herb | | x | | | | | | |
| Angelica (dong quai) | Angelica archangelica | root | x | | | | | | | |
| Angelica | Angelica sinensis | root | | x | | | | | | |
| Angelica | Angelica dahurica (bai-zhi) | root | | x | | | | | | |
| Anise | Pimpinella anisum | seed | x | | | | | | | |
| Anise hyssop | Agastache foeniculum | seed | | x | | | | | | |
| Arbutus | Arbutus menziesii | fruit | | | x | x | | x | x | |
| Arnica | Arnica chamissonis/spp. | flowers | | x | | | | | | x |
| Arnica | Arnica montana | flowers | | x | | | | | | x |
| Armoise | Artemesia herba-alba | herb | x | | | | | | | |
| Artichoke | Cynara scolymus | flowers | | | x | | | | | |
| Arugula | Eruca vesicaria | herb | | | x | | | | | |
| Ashwagandha | Withsonia somnifera | root | | x | | | | | | |
| Astragalus (Huang qi) | Astragalus membranaceus | root | | x | | | | | x | |
| Astragalus | Astragalus americana | root | | x | | | | | | |
| Balsamroot | Balsamorhiza sagittata | shoots/root | | x | x | x | | | | |
| Barberry | Berberis vulgaris | rt/stm/bark | | x | | | | | | |
| Basil | Ocimum basilicum 'var' | herb | x | | x | | | | | |
| Bay laurel | Laurus nobilis | leaf | | | x | | | | | |
| Bearberry (kinikinnick) | Arctostaphylos uva-ursi | leaves | | x | | x | | | x | |
| Beargrass | Xerophyllum tenax | leaves | | | | | | x | x | |
| Bedstraw | Galium verum | whole plant | | x | | | | x | | |
| Bergamot | Monarda didyma | leaf/flower | | x | x | | | | | |
| Betony | Sthacys officinalis | fl/herb | | x | | | | | | |
| Billberry | Vaccinium myrtillus | leaf/berries | | x | | | | | | |
| Birch | Betula lenta | twigs/sap | x | | x | x | | | | |
| Bitter melon | Momordica charantia | fruit | | | x | | | | | |
| Bitterroot | Lewisia rediviva | root | | x | x | p | | | x | |
| Blackberry | Rubus fruticosus | root | | | x | x | | x | x | x |
| Black cohosh | Cimicifuga racemosa | root | | x | | | | | x | |
| Black currant | Ribes nigrum & spp. | leaves/fruit | | x | x | x | | x | x | x |
| Bloodroot | Sanguinaria canadensis | rhizome | | x | | | | | | |
| Blueberry | Vaccinium spp | berries | | x | x | x | | x | | |
| Blue cohosh | Caulophyllum thalictroides | rhizome | | x | | | | | | |
| Borage | Borago officinalis | herb | | x | | | | | | |
| Buckthorn | Rhamnus frangula | bark | | x | x | | | | x | |
| Burdock (gobo) | Arctium lappa | root & herb | | x | | | | | | |
| Burdock | A. tomentosum | root & herb | | x | x | | | | x | |
| Bupleurum (Chai Hu) | Bupleurum falcatum, B.chinensis | root | | x | | | | | | |
| Butchers broom | Ruscus aculeatus | all parts | | x | | | | | | |
| Calamus (sweet flag) | Acorus calamus americanus | root | | x | | | | | | |
| Calamus (Shi Chang Pu) | Acorus tatarinowii | root | | x | | | | | | |
| Calendula | Calendula officinalis | flower/herb | | x | | | | | x | |
| Candystick | Allotropa virgata | flower | | | | | | x | x | |
| Capsicum (Cayene) | Capsicum spp. | fruit | | x | x | | | x | | |

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| Caraway | Carum carvi | seed | x | | x | | | | | |
| Cascara | Rhamnus purshiana | bark | | x | | | x | | | |
| Catnip | Nepeta cataria | herb | x | | | | | | x | |
| Celery (seed) | Apium graveolens | seed | x | | | | | | | |
| Chamomile (english) * | Chamaemelum nobile | flower | | x | | | | | x | |
| Chamomile (german) | Matricaria recutita | flower | | x | | | | | x | |
| Chamomile (roman) * | Anthemis nobilis | flower | x | x | | | | | x | |
| Chastetree | Vitex agnus-castus | seed | | x | | | | | | |
| Chervil | Anthriscus cereifolium | herb | | | x | | | | | |
| Chickweed | Stellaria media | leaves | x | | | x | | | x | |
| Chicory | Cichorium intybus 'magdeburg' | root | | x | x | | x | | | x |
| Chives | Allium spp. | herb | | | x | | | | | |
| Chokecherry | Prunus virginiana | bark | | x | x | | x | | x | x |
| Chrysanthemum greens | Chrysanthemum coronarium | herb | | | x | | | | | |
| Clary sage | Salvia sclarea | herb | x | | | | | | | |
| Cleavers | Galium aparine | herb | | x | | | x | | | x |
| Clover - crimson | Trifolium incarnatum | herb/flower | x | | | | | | | x |
| Clover (sweet) | Trifolium spp. | flower | x | | | x | | | x | |
| Codonopsis (Dang shen) | Codonopsis pilosula | root | x | | | | | | | |
| Coltsfoot | Tussilago farfara | leaves | x | | | | | | | x |
| Comfrey | Symphytum officinalis | leaves | x | | | | | | | |
| Conifer boughs | Conifer spp. | boughs | x | | | | x | x | x | x |
| Conifer cones | Conifer spp. | boughs | | | | | x | x | x | x |
| Coriander | Coriandrum sativum | seed | x | | | | | | | |
| Corn | Zea mays | silk/cobs | | x | x | | | | | x |
| Cormmint | Mentha arvensis "piperascens" | herb | x | | | | | | | |
| Corktree (Huang bai) | Phellodendron chinense | bark | | x | | | | | | |
| Couch grass | Agropyron repens | rhizomes | x | | | x | | | | |
| Cranberry | Vaccinium macrocarpon | leaves/fruit | x | x | | | | | x | x |
| Cranberry (highbush) | Viburnum trilobum | fruit | | x | | x | | | x | x |
| Cumin | Cuminum cyminum | seed | x | | x | | | | | |
| Dandelion | Taraxacum officinale 'sativum' | Leaf/root | x | x | | x | | | | x |
| Devils club | Echinopanax horridum | rt/stem/bark | x | | | x | | | | x |
| Devils club (aka) | Oplopanax horridus | rt/ & stem/brk | x | | | x | | | | x |
| Dill & European dill | Anethum graveolens | herb/seed | x | | x | | | | | |
| Elderberry (blue) | Sambucus cerulea | flower/fruit | x | x | | x | | | | x |
| Elderberry (black) | Sambucus nigra | flower/fruit | x | x | | x | | | | x |
| Elecampane | Inula helenium | root | | x | | | | | | |
| Ephedra | Ephedra sinica (Ma Huang) | herb | | x | | | | | | |
| Ephedra | Ephedra nevadensis | herb | | x | | | | | | |
| Echinacea | Echinacea purpurea | herb & root | x | | | | | | | x |
| Echinacea | Echinacea angustifolia | herb & root | x | | | | | | | x |
| Echinacea | Echinacea pallida | herb & root | x | | | | | | | x |
| Evening primrose | Oenothera biennis | seed | x | x | | | | | | |
| Eyebright | Euphrasia officinalis | herb | | x | | | | | | |
| False box | Pachistima myrsinites | herb | | | | | | x | | |
| Feverfew (tanaset) | Chrysanthemum parthenium | herb | x | | | | | | x | |
| Fenugreek | Trigonella foenum-graceum | seed | x | x | | | | | | |

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| Fennel | <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> | seed | x | | x | | | | | |
| Fireweed | <i>Epilobium angustifolium</i> | nectar | | | x | | x | | x | x |
| Fo-ti (He shou wu) | <i>Polygonum multiflorum</i> | root | | | x | | | | | |
| Foxglove | <i>Digitalis purpurea</i> | herb | | | x | | | | | |
| Garlic | <i>Allium sativum</i> | bulbs | x | x | x | | | | x | |
| Ginger (wild Canadian) | <i>Asarum caudatum(canadense)</i> | root/rhizome | | x | | | x | | | x |
| Glossy privet (Lu Rong) | <i>Ligustrum lucidum</i> | fruit | | x | | | | | | |
| Goldenrod | <i>Solidago odora</i> | flower | | x | | | x | | | |
| Goldenseal | <i>Hydrastis canadensis</i> | root | | x | | | | | | |
| Ginkgo | <i>Ginkgo biloba</i> | leaves | | x | | | | | x | |
| Ginseng | <i>Panax quinquefolius</i> | root | | x | x | | | | x | |
| Ginseng | <i>Panax ginseng (Ren Shen)</i> | root | | x | x | | | | x | |
| Gotu Kola | <i>Centella asiatica</i> | herb | | x | | | | | | |
| Gotu Kola (aka) | <i>Hydrocotyle asiatica</i> | herb | | x | | | | | | |
| Hairy manzanita | <i>Arctostaphylos columbiana</i> | branches | | | | | | x | x | x |
| Hawthorn | <i>Crataegus oxyacantha</i> | bry/flow/lf | | x | | | x | | x | |
| Hawthorn | <i>Crataegus monogyna</i> | bry/flow/lf | | x | | | x | | x | |
| Hawthorn | <i>Crataegus douglasii</i> | fl.bud/lf/bery | x | | | x | | | x | |
| Hazelnut (filbert) | <i>Corylus avellana</i> | nut | | x | x | | x | | x | |
| Healall | <i>Prunella vulgaris</i> | herb | | x | | | | | | |
| Hemp | <i>Cannibus sativa</i> | herb/seed | x | x | x | | | | x | |
| Hops | <i>Humulus lupulus</i> | flower | | | x | | | | | |
| Horsetail | <i>Equisetum arvense</i> | herb | | x | | | x | | x | x |
| Horsechestnut | <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i> | nuts | | x | | | | | x | |
| Horseradish | <i>Amoracia rusticana</i> | root | | | x | | | | x | |
| Huckleberry | <i>Vaccinium spp.</i> | frt/brnch | | | x | | x | x | x | x |
| Hydrangea | <i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> | root | | x | | | | | | |
| Hyssop | <i>Hyssopus officinalis</i> | herb | x | x | x | | | | | |
| Indigo | <i>Baptisia australis</i> | roots | | | | | | x | | |
| Jerusalem artichoke | <i>Helianthus tuberosis</i> | tubers | | | x | | | | x | |
| Juniper | <i>Juniperus communis</i> | berries | x | x | x | | x | | x | x |
| Juniper | <i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> | berries | x | x | x | | x | | x | x |
| Kiwi (regular & hardy) | <i>Actinidia spp.</i> | fruits | | | x | | | | x | |
| Labrador tea | <i>Ledum groenlandicum</i> | leaves | | x | x | | x | | x | x |
| Lady's mantle | <i>Alchemilla vulgaris</i> | leaf/root | | x | | | | | | |
| Lavender | <i>Lavandula officinalis</i> | flower/herb | | | | | | x | x | |
| Lavender | <i>Lavandula intermedia,</i> | herb | x | | | | | x | x | |
| Lavender | <i>Lavandula angustifolia</i> | herb | | | | | | | x | |
| Lavender (spike) | <i>Lavandula latifolia</i> | herb | x | | | | | x | x | |
| Lemon balm | <i>Melissa officinalis</i> | leaves | | x | x | | | | x | |
| Lemon thyme | <i>Thymus xcitriodorus</i> | herb | | x | x | | | | | |
| Lemon grass | <i>Cymbopogon citratus/flexuosus</i> | leaves | x | | x | | | | | |
| Licorice (Mediterranian) | <i>Glycyrrhiza glabra</i> | root | | x | x | | | | x | |
| Licorice (Gan-cao) | <i>Glycyrrhiza uralensis</i> | root | | x | x | | | | x | |
| Licorice (Am. Wild) | <i>Glycyrrhiza lepidota</i> | root/stem | x | x | | | x | | | |
| Lilly of the valley | <i>Convallaria majalis</i> | whole plant | x | | | | | | | |
| Lingonberry | <i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i> | berries | x | x | | | x | | | |
| Linden | <i>Tilia spp.</i> | flowers | | x | | | | | x | |

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| Lobelia | <i>Lobelia inflata</i> | herb/seed | | x | | | | | | |
| Lobelia | <i>Lobelia siphilitica</i> (great) | herb/seed | | x | | | | | | |
| Lomatium | <i>Lomatium dissectum</i> | herb/seed | | x | | | | | | |
| Lovage (Chuan xiong) | <i>Levisticum officinale</i> | herb | | x | | | | | | |
| Chinese okra | <i>Luffa acutangula</i> | fruit | | | x | | | | | |
| Chinese okra | <i>Luffa cylindrica</i> | fruit | | | x | | | | | |
| Marjoram | <i>Origanum majorana</i> | herb | x | | x | | | | | |
| Marshmallow | <i>Althea officinalis</i> | root | | x | | | | | | |
| Milk thistle | <i>Silybum marianum</i> | seed | | x | | | | | x | |
| Mitsuba - Jap. parsley | <i>Cryptotaenia japonica</i> | herb | | | x | | | | | |
| Moss | <i>Moss</i> spp | herb | | | | | | x | | x |
| Motherwort | <i>Leonurus cardiaca</i> | flow. herb | | x | | | | | | |
| Mountain ash | <i>Sorbus</i> spp. | fruit | | x | | | | | | x |
| Mugwort | <i>Artemesia vulgaris</i> | flower buds | | x | | | | | | |
| Mullein | <i>Verbascum thapsus</i> | leaves | | x | | | | | x | x |
| Myrobalan | <i>Phyllanthus emblica</i> | ---- | | x | | | | | | |
| Nettles (stinging) | <i>Urtica dioica</i> | herb | x | x | x | | | | | x |
| Oats | <i>Avena sativa</i> | seed /herb | x | x | | | | | x | |
| Ocimum | <i>Ocimum gratissimum</i> | | x | | | | | | | |
| Okra | <i>Abelmoschus esculentus</i> | | | | x | | | | | |
| Oregano | <i>Origanum vulgare 'kaliteri'</i> | leaves | | x | x | | | | | |
| Oregon grape | <i>Mahonia aquilolum</i> | rt/stm/bark | | | | | | | x | x |
| Oregon grape (aka) | <i>Berberis aquifolium</i> | | | | | | | | x | x |
| Oregon grape (tall) | <i>Mahonia nervosa</i> | | | | | | | | x | x |
| Paprika | <i>Capsicum annum</i> | fruits | x | x | | | | | | |
| Parsley | <i>Petroselinum crispum</i> | herb | | | x | | | | | |
| Passion flower | <i>Passiflora caerulea</i> | herb | | x | | | | | | |
| Pawpaw | <i>Astimina triloba</i> | fruit | | | x | | | | | |
| Pearly everlasting | <i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i> | flower | | | | | | x | | x |
| Peony | <i>Paeonia albiflora trichocarpa</i> | root | | x | | | | | | |
| Peony | <i>Paeonia officinalis</i> | root | | x | | | | x | x | |
| Peony (tree) | <i>Paeonia suffruticosa</i> (Mu Dan Pi) | root | | x | | | | | | |
| Peony | <i>Paeonia lactiflora</i> (Bia Shao) | root | | x | | | | | | |
| Peppermint | <i>Mentha x piperita</i> | herb | x | | x | | | | | |
| Peppers | <i>Capsicum</i> spp. | fruits | | x | x | | | | | |
| Penilla | <i>Piniella ternata</i> (Ban xia) | ---- | | x | | | | | | |
| Pennyroyal | <i>Mentha pulegium</i> | herb | x | x | x | | | | | |
| Pineapple weed | <i>Matricaria discoidea</i> | herb | | x | | | | | | x |
| Pipsissewa (prince's pine) | <i>Chimaphila umbellata</i> | herb | x | | x | x | | | | x |
| Plantain | <i>Plantago lanceolata</i> | leaves | x | | | | | | | |
| Plantain | <i>Plantago asiatica</i> (Che qian) | leaf/seed | x | | | | | | | |
| Plantain | <i>Plantago major</i> | leaf/seed | x | | | | | | | x |
| Plantain | <i>Plantago ovata</i> (psyllium) | seed | x | | | | | | | |
| Pollen | (product from bees) | | | x | x | x | | | x | x |
| Poplar | <i>Populus</i> spp. | wood/bark | | | x | x | | x | x | x |
| Poplar | <i>Populus balsamifera</i> (balm) | buds | x | | | x | | | | x |
| Poppy (opium) | <i>Papaver somniferum</i> | seed | x | x | | | | | | |
| Pumpkin | <i>Cucurbita pepo</i> | fl/leaf/seed | x | x | | | | | x | |

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| Purple mint | Perilla frutescens | herb/seed | x | | x | | | | | |
| Pussy willow | Salix caprea/discolor | branches | | | | | | x | | |
| Pyrethrum | Chrysanthemum cinerarifoilum | flower | x | | | | | | x | |
| Pyrethrum | aka. Tanacetum cinerarifoilum | flower | x | | | | | | x | |
| Quinine | Parthenium integrifolium | ---- | | | x | | | | | |
| Raspberry | Rubus idaeus | leaves | | x | x | | | | x | |
| Red clover | Trifolium pratense | herb/flower | x | | | | x | | x | x |
| Red-flowering currant | Ribes sanguineum | flowers | | | | | | x | | |
| Redosier dogwood | Cornus sericea | branches | | | | | | x | | |
| Rose (baldhip) | Rosa gymnocarpa | hips | | x | x | | x | | | |
| Rose (rosehip) | R. canina, laevigata, rugosa 'jubilee' | hips | | x | x | | | | | x |
| Rose (oil) | Rosa x damascena, gallica | flowers | x | | | | | | | |
| Roseroott | Rhodiola rosea | leaf/flow/rt | | | x | | | | | |
| Rosemary | Rosmarinus officinalis | herb | x | | x | | | | | |
| Royal jelly | (product from bees) | jelly | | | | | | | | x |
| Rhubarb | Rheum palmatum 'tanguticum' | root | | x | | | | | | |
| Rhubarb | Rheum xcultorum | root | | | x | | | | x | |
| Rue | Ruta graveolens | all parts | | x | | | | | | |
| Safflower | Carthamus tinctoris | whole plant | | x | | | | | | |
| Saffron | Crocus sativus | stigma | | | x | | | | | |
| Sage (garden) | Salvia officinalis | leaves | x | | x | | | | | |
| Sagebrush | Artemesia tridentata/canna | leaf/flower | | | | | x | | | x |
| Salal | Gaultheria ahallon | branches | | | | | | x | | x |
| Sarsasparilla | Aralia nudicaulis | root | | x | | x | | | | x |
| Saskatoon | Amelanchier alnifolia | fruit | | | x | x | x | | x | x |
| Savory (summer) | Satureja hortensis | herb | | | x | | | | | |
| Schizandra (Wu wei zi) | Schizandra chinensis | berries | | x | | | | | | |
| Scotch broom | Cytissus scoparius | branches | | | | | | x | | |
| Sea buckthorn | Hippophae ramnooides | fruit | x | x | x | | | | x | |
| Seneca | Polygala senega | root | | x | | | | | | |
| Senna | Cassia marilandica | leaf & pods | | x | | | | | | |
| Senna | Cassia acutifolia | leaf & pods | | x | | | | | | |
| Shallots | Allium cepa | bulb | | | x | | | | | |
| Sheep sorel | Rumex acetosella | herb | | x | | x | | | x | |
| Sheperds purse | Capsella bursa-pastoris | herb | | x | | x | | | | |
| Siberian ginseng (Wu jia) | Eleutherococcus senticosus | root | | x | | | | | | |
| Scullcap (huahg-qin) | Scutellaria baicalensis | herb | | | x | | | | | |
| Scullcap | Scutellaria lateriflora | herb | | | x | | | | | |
| Skunk cabbage | Lysichiton americanum | root | | x | | | | | | x |
| Slippery elm | Ulmus fulva | bark | | x | | | | | | |
| Slippery elm | Ulmus rubra | bark | | x | | | | | | |
| Soapwort | Saponaria officinalis | root | | x | | | | | | |
| Sorrel (garden) | Rumex acetosa | leaves | | | x | | | | | |
| Speedwell | Veronica officinalis | herb | | x | | | | | | |
| Spearmint (native) | Mentha spicata | herb | x | | x | | | | | |
| Spearmint (scotch) | Mentha gracilis | herb | x | | x | | | | | |
| Spikenard | Aralia racemosa | root | | x | | | | | | |
| Stevia | Stevia rebaudiana | leaves | | | x | | | | | |

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| St. John'swort | Hypericum perforatum var. | flow/buds | x | x | | | x | | x | x |
| Sugar maple | Acer saccharum | sap | | | x | | | | | |
| Sweet annie | Artemesia annua (Quin hao) | herb | | | x | | | | | |
| Sweet birch | Betula lenta | bark/sap | x | | x | | | | x | |
| Sweet fennel | Foeniculum vulgare | herb | x | | | | | | | |
| Sweet grass | Hierochloe odorata | herb | | | x | | | | | |
| Tagetes | Tagetes minuta | | | x | | | | | | |
| Tansey | Tanacetum vulgare | herb | | | x | | | | | x |
| Tarragon | Artemesia dracunculus | herb | x | | x | | | | | |
| Teasel | Dipsacus sativus | flower | | | | | | x | | |
| Thyme | Thymus vulgaris | herb | x | | | | | | | |
| Twinberry (black) | Lonicera involucrata | berries | | | x | | | | | |
| Uva-ursi (bearberry) | Arctostaphylos uva-ursi | leaves | | x | | | | | | x |
| Usnea (lichen) | Usnea spp. | ---- | | | | | | | | |
| Valerian | Valerian officinalis | root | | x | | | | | x | |
| Vegetable (specialty) | | | | | x | | | | | |
| Vegetables (chinese) | | | | | x | | | | | |
| Vitex | Vitex negundo heterophylla | nectar | | | x | | | | | |
| Walnuts | Juglans regia | nut &sheath | x | x | | | | | | |
| Wasabi | Eutrema wasabi | leaf base | | | x | | | | x | |
| Willow | Salix alba & nigra | inner bark | x | | x | x | x | x | x | |
| Willow Herb | Epilobium parviflorum | herb | x | | | | | x | | |
| Witch hazel | Hamemilis virginiana | leaf/twig/sd | | | | | | | | x |
| Wild Indigo | Baptisia tinctoria | | | | | | x | | | |
| Wintergreen | Gaultheria procumbens | herb | x | x | | x | | | | |
| Wolfberry (Xi yang shen) | Lycium barbarum | leaf/berries | x | | | | | | | x |
| Wolfberry (Lycii) | Lycium chinensis | leaf/berries | x | | | | | | | |
| Wolfberry (Lycii) | Lycium halimifolium | leaf/berries | x | | | | | | | |
| Wormwood | Artemesia absinthium | herb | x | x | x | | x | | x | x |
| Yarrow | Achillea millefolium | flow./leaf | x | x | | | x | | x | x |
| Yam (wild) | Dioscorea villosa | tuber | | x | x | | | | | |
| Yam (Shen yao) | Dioscorea oppositae | tuber | x | x | | | | | | |
| Yellow dock | Rumex crispus | | | x | | | x | | | x |
| Yew (pacific) | Taxus brevifolia | | | x | | | x | | x | x |