GROW YOUR PLANT ID SKILLS

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# Takeaways

1. Start small with observations: Where is it growing? How does it look, feel, smell?
2. Find the resources that work best for you – photos or descriptions, books or online resources
3. Take it up a notch with winter twig identification – learn about leaf scars and bud scales!
4. Enjoy – this is a chance to get to know the plants in a new way, no pressure!

# Resources

* Washington Native Plant Society **Plant Directory** – provides basic information on Washington State native plants including identifying features, plant propagation and landscaping uses, ethnobotanical uses, and conservation and restoration uses.

<https://www.wnps.org/native-plant-directory>

* GSP Forest Steward Resources – includes additional links for plant identification websites and handouts, including a native plant winter twig identification booklet.

<https://greenseattle.org/information-for/forest-steward-resources/restoration-resources/>

* Seek by iNaturalist – smart phone app for plant and animal identification—works great! <https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/seek_app>
* **Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast** – by Pojar and MacKinnon, the go to plant identification book for northwest native species.

<https://www.amazon.com/Plants-Pacific-Northwest-Coast-Pojar/dp/1772130087>

# Notes