

Whistler Bear Food Plants

Plants ranked "very high" and "high" are particularly attractive to bears as a source of food and are not recommended to be planted in areas where people gather; near children's playgrounds; along busy pedestrian pathways; or next to entrance-ways.

Native or Non-native	SPECIES	Attractant Rating	Common Name	Notes
	Sorbus spp	Very High	Mountain-ash	
	Vaccinium spp	Very High	Blueberry/Huckleberry	
Non	Clover, alfalfa, dandelion	High		
	Cornus stolonifera	High	Red-osier dogwood	
	Amelanchier spp	High	Saskatoon berry, Service berry	
	Oplopanax horridus	High	Devil's club	
	Rubus spectabilis	High	Salmonberry	
	Gaultheria shallon	High	Salal	
	Rosa pisocarpa	High	Wild rose	
	Shepherdia canadensis	High	Soopollalie, soapberry	
	Native horsetail, grasses, sedges	High, Medium		
Non	DOMESTIC FRUIT TREES	High	All species	
Non	Aronia melanocarpa	High	Black chokeberry	
Non	Rubus Discolor	High	Himalayan blackberry	invasive species
	Viburnum edule	Medium	Highbush-cranberry	
	Ribes bracteosum	Medium	Stink currant	
	Ribes lacustre	Medium	Black/swamp gooseberry	
	Ribes sanguineum	Medium	Red-flowering currant	hosts pine blister rust
	Prunus virginiana	Medium	Choke cherry	
	Rubus idaeus	Medium	Red raspberry	
	Lonicera involucrate	Medium	Black twinberry	
	Sambucus racemosa	Medium	Red elderberry	
	Prunus emarginata	Medium	Bitter cherry	
	Rubus ursinus	Medium	Trailing blackberry	
	Rubus parviflorus	Medium	Thimbleberry	
	Malus fusca	Medium	Pacific crab apple	
	Empetrum nigrum	Medium	Crowberry	
	Oemleria cerasiformis	Medium	Indian plum	
	Crataegus douglasii	Medium	Black hawthorn	
	Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	Medium	Kinnickinnick	
	Rubus leucodermis	Low	Black raspberry	
	Oxycoccus oxycoccus	Low	Bog cranberry	
	Corylus cornuta	Low	Beaked hazelnut	
	Mahonia nervosa	Low	Dull Oregon-grape	
	Mahonia aquifolium	Low	Tall Oregon grape	
	Mahonia repens	Low	Oregon grape	
	Fragaria virginiana	Low	Wild strawberry	
	Rosa nutkana	Low	Nootka rose	
	Rosa gymnocarpa	Low	Baldhip rose	
	Symphoricarpos alba	Low	Common snowberry	
	Rubus pedatus	Low	Five-leaved bramble	
	Lysichiton americanum	Low	Skunk cabbage	
	Prunus padus	Unknown - avoid	European bird cherry	potential bear food
	Berberis thunbergii DC.	Unknown - avoid	Japanese barberry	potential bear food
	Ribes alpinum	Unknown - avoid	Alpine currant	potential bear food
	Rosa medilland	Unknown - avoid	Medilland rose	potential bear food
	Rosa rugosa	Unknown - avoid	Pavement rose	potential bear food
	Viburnum burkwoodii	Unknown - avoid	Burkwood viburnum	potential bear food
	Mahonia x media	Unknown - avoid	Holly grape	potential bear food

NOTE: This list is not exhaustive. There may be other plants, native and non-native that bears will use opportunistically.