



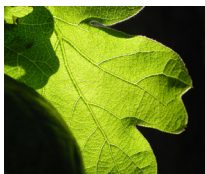
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# METCHOSIN'S PROTECTED TREES

**“PRESERVING METCHOSIN'S  
DIVERSE AND SPECTACULAR  
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# NEWLY PROTECTED TREES AND SHRUBS OF METCHOSIN



## GARRY OAK

Poster child for our endangered Garry oak ecosystems and British Columbia's only native oak tree, its calcium rich bark hosts abundant moss, lichen and insects communities.



## PACIFIC DOGWOOD

BC's provincial flower, its late spring floral display is breath-taking. The bright red clusters of berries are eaten by numerous birds including the blue-listed band-tailed pigeon.



## ARBUTUS

The only native, broadleaf evergreen tree in Canada, its white flowers provide food for many pollinators and hummingbirds. Stellar's jays and others flock to its appealing berries.



## MANZANITA

This attractive bonsai like shrub with red, peeling bark and blue-green evergreen leaves provides food for many pollinators, hummingbirds and animals with its fruit and flowers.



## CASCARA

Over harvested as a natural laxative, only the occasional young tree can still be found. Leaves turn a beautiful clear yellow in fall. Grouse and songbirds eat the purplish-black berries.



## WESTERN YEWS

Slow growing, it is the original source of taxol, a cancer fighting drug. Many birds eat the bright red fruit and the leaves supply food for black-tailed deer.

**WHY PROTECT?** Some of these species have been overharvested for medicinal uses or they grow only in a very small area of BC and development has seen their populations become even more threatened. Contact the municipal hall at 474-3167 before you remove any of these species. For more information, please visit the municipal website at [www.district.metchosin.bc.ca](http://www.district.metchosin.bc.ca)

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