# Salal



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Gaultheria shallon

**PNW Native Plant** 

The white flowers look like lanterns hanging across the stem!

#### **Cultural Uses**

The dark, juicy berries are plentiful and an important fruit for Coast Salish Tribes. They are eaten raw or dried into cakes or fruit leather. They are used to sweeten other foods, such as the tart Oregon grape. In the past they were used for trading or selling. Used in flower arrangements!

#### <u>General</u>

One of the most common understory shrubs in our region. Height is variable, creeping and or spreading by layering, suckering and sprouting. Leaves are alternate, evergreen, thick and leathery. The white flower stalks bend so that flowers are all oriented in one direction. The flowers then turn to dark purple berries.

## Sun to part shade



### <u>Ecology</u>

Coniferous forests, rocky bluffs, to the seashore: low to med. elevations