

Columbines School of Botanical Studies
 Spring Apprenticeship Program
 Trip #4 *Berberis nervosa*

5/1-2/2026

Low Elevation Coniferous Woods 1726'

Family	Genus	Name	Uses
Melanthiaceae (Liliaceae)	Trillium ovatum	Birth Root	No Pick
Orchidaceae	Calypso bulbosa	Calypso Orchid	No Pick
Papaveraceae (Fumariaceae)	Dicentra formosa	Bleeding Hearts	Poisonous
Berberidaceae	Mahonia nervosa (Berberis n.)	Mountain Oregon Grape	Edible, Medicinal
Grossulariaceae	Ribes sanguineum	Red Flowering Currant	Edible
Rosaceae	Fragaria vesca	Wild Strawberry	Edible (Choice)
Violaceae	Viola glabella	Woods Violet	Edible (Choice)
Aceraceae	Acer macrophyllum	Big leaf Maple	Edible (Choice)
Montiaceae (Portulacaceae)	Claytonia sibirica (Montia s.)	Candyflower	Edible (Choice)
Cornaceae	Cornus nuttallii	Dogwood	Medicinal
Ericaceae	Vaccinium parvifolium	Red Huckleberry	Edible, Medicinal
Plantaginaceae (Scrophulariaceae)	Synthyris reniformis	Snow Queen	Edibility unknown
Asteraceae (Compositae)	Petasites frigidus	Western Coltsfoot	Edible, Medicinal (PA's)
Valerianaceae	Valeriana scouleri	Low-elevation Valerian	Medicinal

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Wildcrafting Principles

Botany

Keyed out: *Mahonia nervosa* (*Berberis n.*)

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Tasted *Mahonia nervosa* (*Berberis n.*) root bark and *Valeriana
sitchensis* root

Locating, harvesting, and processing *Mahonia nervosa* (*Berberis n.*)

Made *Mahonia nervosa* (*Berberis n.*) tincture