

*full sun  
to part shade*

LIGHT

*dry*

MOISTURE

*well-drained  
sandy soil*

DRAINAGE

## native plants for your garden

# Nodding Onion

*Allium cernuum*



- ☛ Bulbous perennial 10–50 cm tall
  - ☛ Full sun to part shade
  - ☛ Small pink flowers in a nodding cluster June–July
- ☛ Leaves are evergreen, grass-like
  - ☛ Fruits are dry capsules; can be a prolific seeder, so trim seed-heads to prevent self-sowing
- ☛ Drought tolerant once established
  - ☛ Attracts bees and butterflies

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*Nodding Onion (pink) shown with Fool's Onion (white)*

☞ Dry, well-drained sandy soil

☞ Add sand and a pebble mulch in spring for drainage

☞ Good for rockeries and along edges of perennial border; space 10–15 cm apart

☞ Can be used in containers with Kinnikinnick (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*) and Woolly Sunflower (*Eriophyllum lanatum*)

☞ Allow soil to dry out in summer

☞ Found in dry to open woods, rocky to sandy sites

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### Saskatoon

*Amelanchier alnifolia*



- 🌿 Deciduous shrub/small tree 1–6 metres tall
- 🌿 Full sun to part shade
- 🌿 Showy, large white flowers April–May
- 🌿 Purple edible berries in late summer
- 🌿 Bright yellow fall leaf colour
- 🌿 Drought tolerant once established
- 🌿 Many species of birds are attracted by the fruit in August

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- ☛ Dry to moist, well-drained, humus-rich soil
  - ☛ Create a hedgerow with other flowering native shrubs; use as specimen shrub or as background in perennial borders
  - ☛ Water during dry periods in the first year after planting
    - ☛ Plant in late winter or early spring
  - ☛ Mulch in fall; best if not pruned
  - ☛ Found along rocky shorelines, bluffs, in meadows, thickets, and along forest edges in dry to moist open forests



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LIGHT

*moist soil*

MOISTURE

*(variable)*

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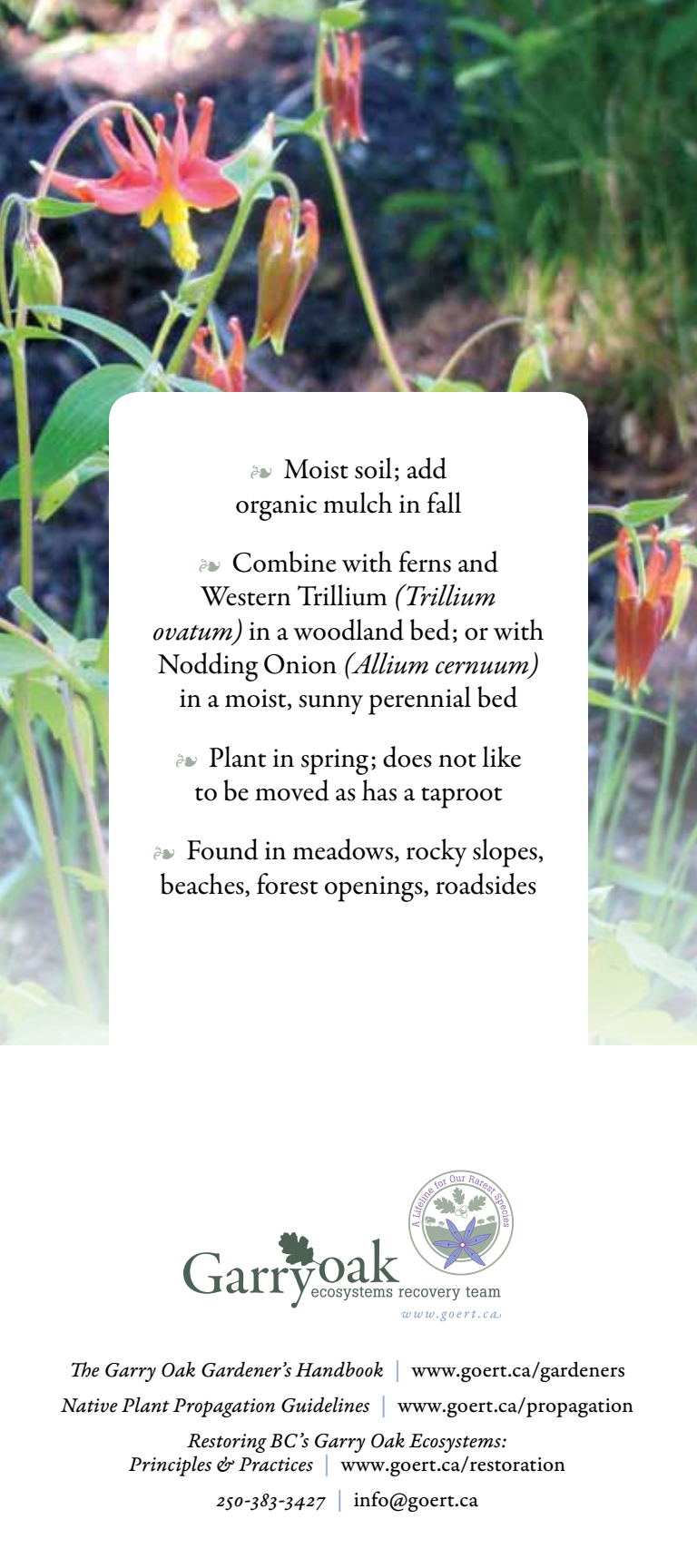
### Sitka Columbine

*Aquilegia formosa*



- ☞ Perennial up to 1 metre tall
- ☞ Full sun to part shade
- ☞ Red and yellow flowers with long spurs flowering May–June
- ☞ Foliage divided into threes, fern-like
  - ☞ Fruit a dry capsule
- ☞ Flowers attract hummingbirds

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☞ Moist soil; add organic mulch in fall

☞ Combine with ferns and Western Trillium (*Trillium ovatum*) in a woodland bed; or with Nodding Onion (*Allium cernuum*) in a moist, sunny perennial bed

☞ Plant in spring; does not like to be moved as has a taproot

☞ Found in meadows, rocky slopes, beaches, forest openings, roadsides



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## native plants for your garden

### Great Camas • Common Camas

*Camassia leichtlinii* • *Camassia quamash*



☞ Perennial bulb with flower stalks  
20–120 cm tall (Great Camas);  
20–70 cm tall (Common Camas)

☞ Full sun to part shade

☞ Showy deep purple-blue  
flowers in mid-April

☞ Long grass-like shiny green leaves

☞ Can be naturalized in lawns if  
allowed to set seed in late summer

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- ☛ Moderately moist, well-drained, humus-rich soil; needs spring moisture
- ☛ Use in drifts in woodland gardens, perennial borders, in naturalized meadows, along pond edges (Great Camas)
- ☛ Plant bulbs in fall in deep soil >10 cm and 15-30 cm apart
- ☛ Great Camas will flower later than Common Camas in areas retaining spring moisture; allow soil to dry out after flowering
- ☛ Both are found in moist meadows and temporary wet pools; Common Camas also grows in soil pockets on rock outcrops



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### **Menzies' Larkspur**

*Delphinium menziesii*



- ☛ Perennial up to 50 cm tall
- ☛ Full sun to part shade
- ☛ Deep blue-purple flowers blooming May-June
- ☛ Leaves palmate and approximately 3–9 cm wide with segments
  - ☛ Fruit a dry capsule
  - ☛ Nice blue-flowered addition to a dry border

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- ☛ Dry, well-drained loamy soil
- ☛ Combine in perennial beds with Nodding Onion (*Allium cernuum*), Woolly Sunflower (*Eriophyllum lanatum*), and Roemer's Fescue (*Festuca roemeri*)
- ☛ Plant in spring; add sand and/or pebbles around crowns for drainage
  - ☛ Allow soil to dry out after flowering
  - ☛ Found in grassy bluffs, meadows, and forest openings



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MOISTURE

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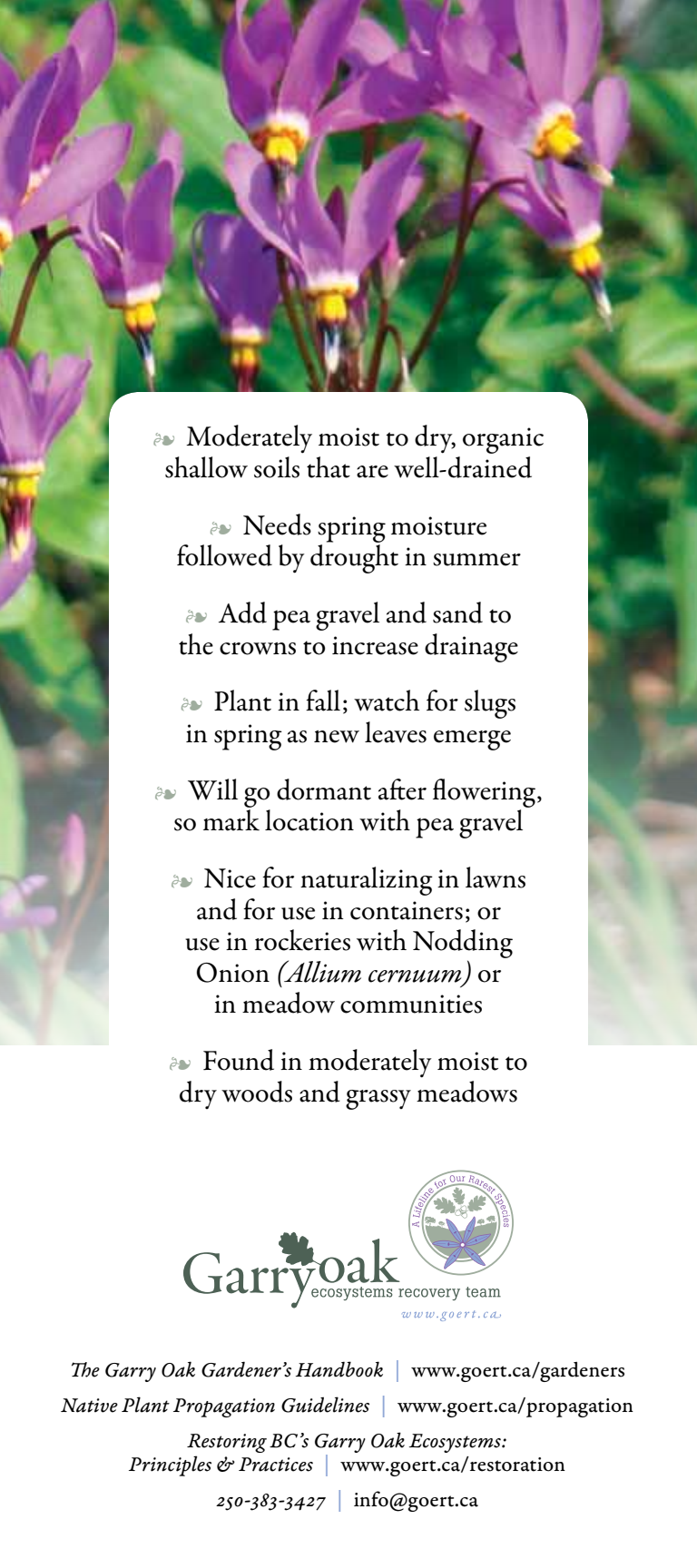
# Broad-leaved Shootingstar

*Dodecatheon hendersonii*



- ☞ Perennial up to 30 cm tall
- ☞ Full sun to part shade
- ☞ Pinkish-rose to deep magenta flowers touched with yellow at their base, blooming March–April
- ☞ Basal leaves 3–14 cm long, egg-shaped to triangular, lying flat on the ground
- ☞ Fruit a dry oval rust-coloured capsule
- ☞ An exceptionally bright addition to a border

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☞ Moderately moist to dry, organic shallow soils that are well-drained

☞ Needs spring moisture followed by drought in summer

☞ Add pea gravel and sand to the crowns to increase drainage

☞ Plant in fall; watch for slugs in spring as new leaves emerge

☞ Will go dormant after flowering, so mark location with pea gravel

☞ Nice for naturalizing in lawns and for use in containers; or use in rockeries with Nodding Onion (*Allium cernuum*) or in meadow communities

☞ Found in moderately moist to dry woods and grassy meadows

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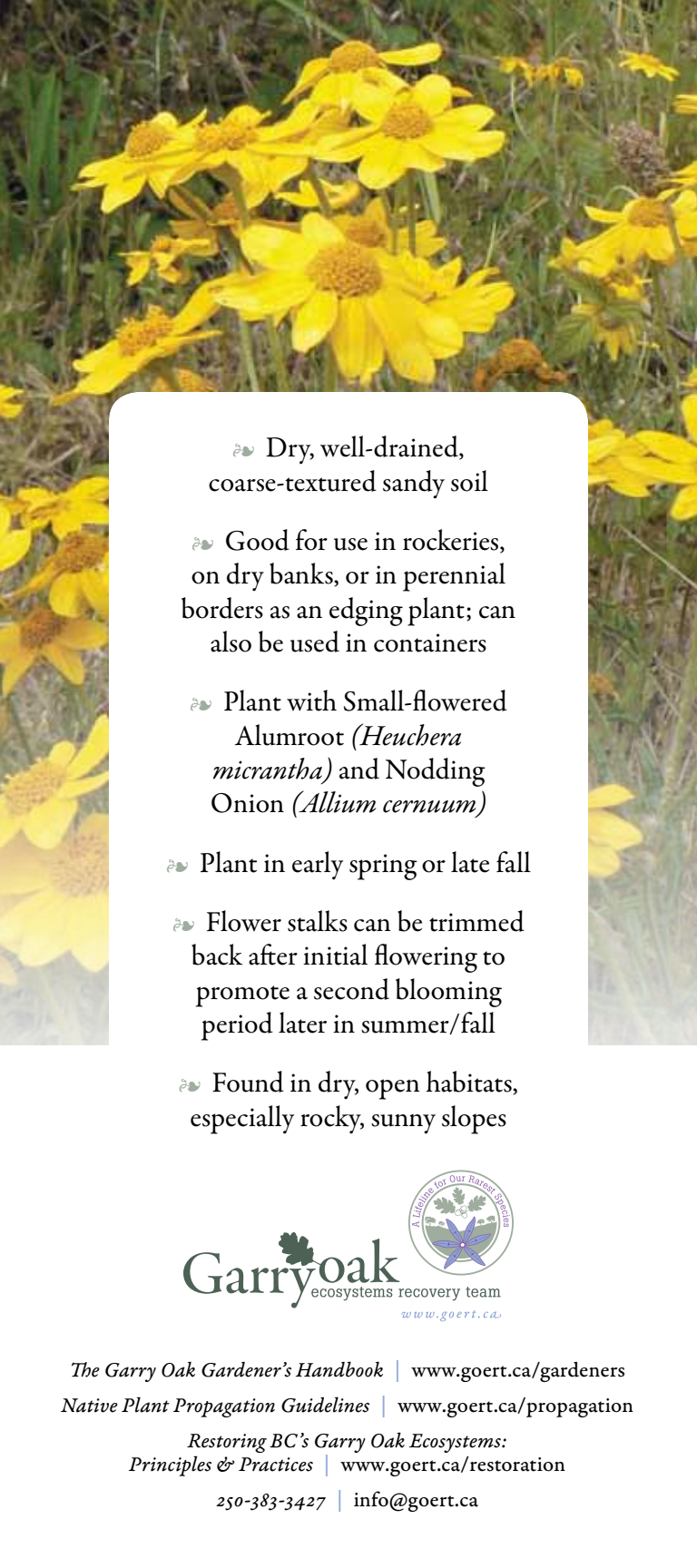
### Woolly Sunflower

*Eriophyllum lanatum*



- ☛ Perennial 10–60 cm tall
- ☛ Full sun to part shade
- ☛ Flowers are 2–5 cm, yellow and daisy-like, blooming May–July
- ☛ Fruit is a single-seeded achene
- ☛ Silvery grey foliage
- ☛ Drought tolerant once established
- ☛ Deer resistant

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- ☛ Dry, well-drained, coarse-textured sandy soil
  - ☛ Good for use in rockeries, on dry banks, or in perennial borders as an edging plant; can also be used in containers
  - ☛ Plant with Small-flowered Alumroot (*Heuchera micrantha*) and Nodding Onion (*Allium cernuum*)
  - ☛ Plant in early spring or late fall
  - ☛ Flower stalks can be trimmed back after initial flowering to promote a second blooming period later in summer/fall
  - ☛ Found in dry, open habitats, especially rocky, sunny slopes



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MOISTURE

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# Small-flowered Alumroot

*Heuchera micrantha*



- ☞ Perennial; flower stems 15–60 cm tall
  - ☞ Full sun to part shade
  - ☞ Small white flowers on long stalks, flowering June–early July; can be used as cut flowers
  - ☞ Evergreen heart-shaped leaves turn reddish in sun
- ☞ Drought tolerant once established

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- ☛ Moist to dry well-drained soil; add sand/grit around base for drainage
- ☛ Combine in perennial beds or rockeries with Nodding Onion (*Allium cernuum*), Woolly Sunflower (*Eriophyllum lanatum*)
- ☛ Can be used in containers as well
  - ☛ Plant in late summer to early fall; divide rhizomes
- ☛ Found on streambanks, in rock crevices, and on rocky slopes



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LIGHT

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MOISTURE

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### Oceanspray

*Holodiscus discolor*



- ☛ Deciduous shrub up to 4 metres tall
  - ☛ Full sun to part shade
- ☛ Slightly fragrant clusters of cream-coloured flowers June–July
- ☛ Fruits are dry one-seeded achenes
  - ☛ Drought and salt tolerant
  - ☛ Useful for stabilizing slopes
  - ☛ Provides good bird habitat; seeds are food for small birds

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☘ Dry to moist, well-drained coarse-textured soil

☘ Use in a mixed hedgerow with Mock-orange (*Philadelphus lewisii*) and Red-flowering Currant (*Ribes sanguineum*), or as the background in a mixed border

☘ Plant in fall or early spring

☘ Found on dry to moist open sites in open woods, thickets, clearings, on coastal bluffs



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full shade*

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### Dull Oregon-grape

*Mahonia nervosa*



- ☛ Evergreen shrub 10–60 cm tall
- ☛ Part shade to full shade
- ☛ Holly-like leaves with prominent spiny teeth turning reddish in fall
- ☛ Fragrant yellow flowers in clusters April–June
- ☛ Dark blue berries in late summer to fall
- ☛ Deer resistant
- ☛ Drought tolerant

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☛ Dry to moist soil

☛ Any soil type, including clay;  
cannot tolerate permanent moisture

☛ Use in groups under Douglas-fir  
trees; in dry woodlands as a ground  
cover mixed with Sword Fern  
(*Polystichum munitum*); edges of  
woodland garden in dappled shade

☛ Found in dry open  
slopes and open forests



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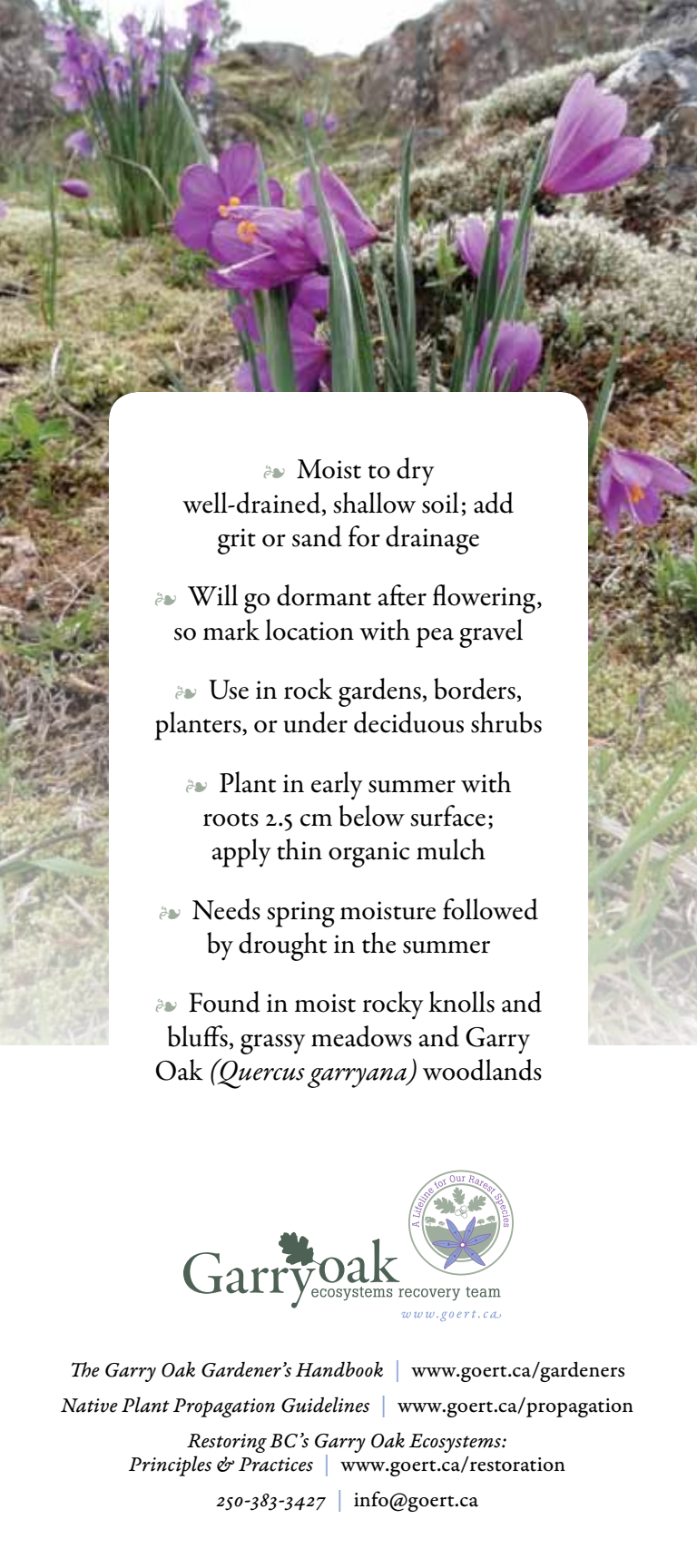
### Satinflower

*Olsynium douglasii*



- ☞ Perennial up to 30 cm tall
- ☞ Full sun to part sun
- ☞ Flowers are 6-petaled, purple to pink with a satiny sheen flowering March–April
- ☞ Tufted greyish-green, grass-like leaves
- ☞ Fruit is a dry capsule
- ☞ One of the showiest early spring flowers

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- ☞ Moist to dry well-drained, shallow soil; add grit or sand for drainage
  - ☞ Will go dormant after flowering, so mark location with pea gravel
  - ☞ Use in rock gardens, borders, planters, or under deciduous shrubs
  - ☞ Plant in early summer with roots 2.5 cm below surface; apply thin organic mulch
  - ☞ Needs spring moisture followed by drought in the summer
  - ☞ Found in moist rocky knolls and bluffs, grassy meadows and Garry Oak (*Quercus garryana*) woodlands

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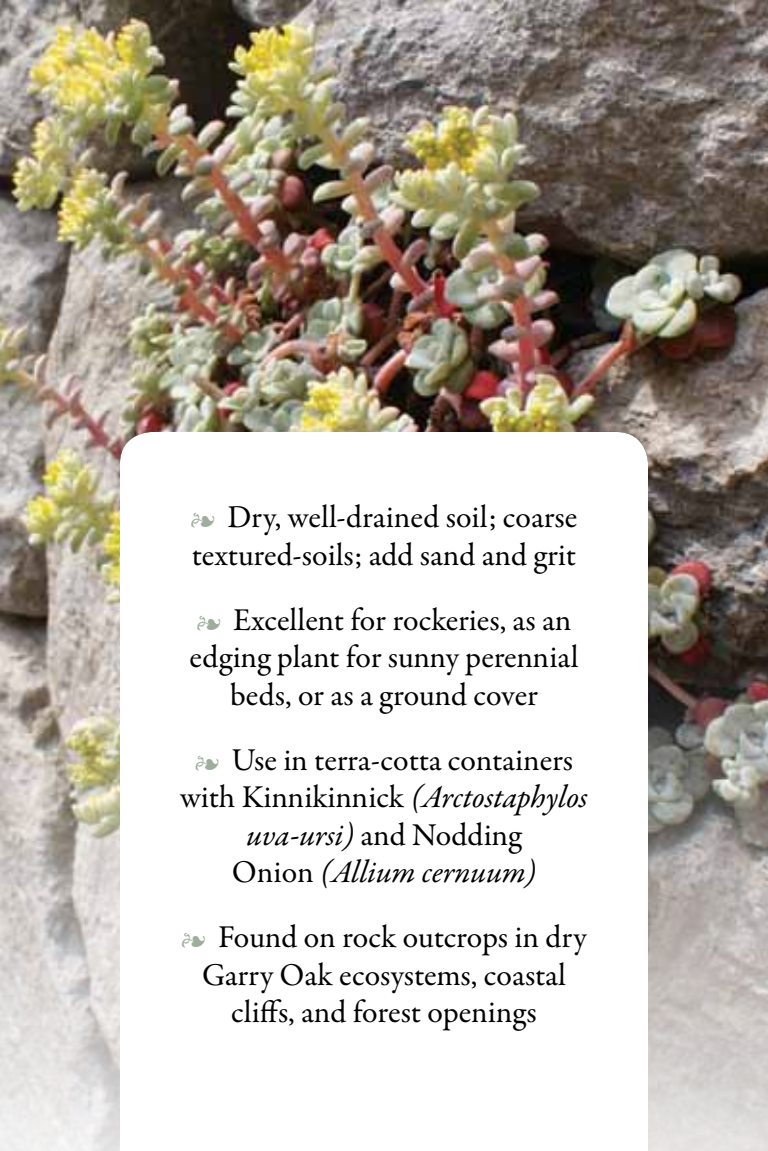
### **Broad-leaved Stonecrop**

*Sedum spathulifolium*



- 🌱 Herbaceous succulent perennial up to 20 cm tall
- 🌱 Full sun to part shade
- 🌱 Bright yellow flowers (petals 1 cm long) in flat-topped clusters June–July
- 🌱 Fruit is a dry reddish capsule
- 🌱 Spoon-shaped evergreen blue-green leaves; rosette forming
- 🌱 Drought tolerant once established

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- ☞ Dry, well-drained soil; coarse textured-soils; add sand and grit
- ☞ Excellent for rockeries, as an edging plant for sunny perennial beds, or as a ground cover
- ☞ Use in terra-cotta containers with Kinnikinnick (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*) and Nodding Onion (*Allium cernuum*)
- ☞ Found on rock outcrops in dry Garry Oak ecosystems, coastal cliffs, and forest openings



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