

Sword ferns and other leafy shrubs and trees disperse heavy raindrops so that the rain doesn't wash away the soil.

Willow

Alders grow quickly. Small birds and squirrels eat their cones.

Cedar

Red osier dogwood

Red squirrel

Underground, roots protect the soil from erosion.

Woody debris in the stream provides a safe home for small fish, such as salmon fry.

Insects eat leaves that drop into the water, and fish eat the insects.

Streamkeepers

Native plants are part of a healthy stream habitat. Where such plants have disappeared, Streamkeepers plant them again. They choose native plants that stabilize and shelter the soil, provide food and homes for forest creatures, and drop leaf litter for some aquatic insects to eat.

Black-capped chickadee

Salmonberry