

FUN FACTS

PLANTS OF THE PARK

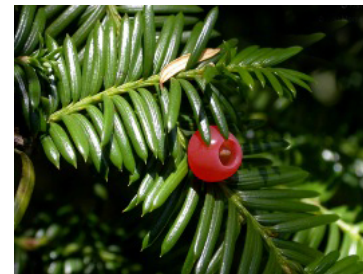
- The plant that was the inspiration for the invention of Velcro, **Burdock**, is a weed in the park.



- **Himalayan Blackberry** was introduced as a small fruit crop, and is now among our worst invasive plants.



- **Pacific Yew** was harvested commercially for taxol, used to fight cancer. Taxol is now manufactured.



- **Western Red Cedar** was a very important tree for Native Americans, who used the wood for longhouses and canoes, and the bark for clothing and baskets.



- **Vancouver Ground Cone** and **Spotted Coral Root** have no chlorophyll and get their nutrition from the roots of other plants via a fungus.



- **Siberian Miners' Lettuce** is one of the few plants in the park with leaves that are edible raw. It is used in salads.



- **Oregon Grape** – used by Native Americans for the *berberine* in the roots and stems, which was used as a bright yellow dye and as an antibiotic and anti-fungal agent.

