

GOLDEN ALEXANDER
Zizia aurea



WILD SWEET WILLIAM
Phlox divaricata



Plants for a Rain Garden
in the Shade



VIRGINIA SPIDERWORT
Tradescantia virginiana



OSTRICH FERN
Matteuccia struthiopteris



CARDINAL FLOWER
Lobelia cardinalis



FOX SEDGE
Carex vulpinoidea



FIREWEED
Epilobium angustifolium



BLUE LOBELIA
Lobelia siphilitica

Plants for a Rain Garden
in the Shade/Sun 1



JOE PYEWEEED
Eupatorium purpureum



ANISE HYSSOP
Agastache foeniculum



NEW ENGLAND ASTER
Aster novae-angliae



LONG HAIREED SEDGE
Carex comosa



MONKEY FLOWER
Mimulus ringens



ZIG-ZAG GOLDENROD
Solidago flexicaulis



MARSH MARIGOLD
Caltha palustris



VIRGINIA MOUNTAIN MINT
Pycnanthemum virginianum



TUSSOCK SEDGE
Carex stricta



TURTLEHEAD
Chelone glabra



RIDDELL'S GOLDENROD
Solidago riddellii

Plants for a Rain Garden
in the Shade/Sun 2



BLACK-EYED SUSAN
Rudbeckia hirta



BLAZING STAR
Liatris pycnostachya



SPOTTED JOE PYEWEEED
Eupatorium maculatum



BUTTERFLY MILKWEED
Asclepias tuberosa

Plants for a Rain Garden
in the Sun 1



BLUE VERVAIN
Verbena hastata



CONEFLOWER
Echinacea



QUEEN OF THE PRAIRIE
Filipendula rubra



BLUE GRAMMA GRASS
Bouteloua gracilis



WILD BERGAMONT
Monarda fistulosa



CULVER'S ROOT
Veronicastrum virginicum



MARSH MILKWEED
Asclepias incarnata



SNEEZEWEED
Helenium autumnale

Plants for a Rain Garden
in the Sun 2



PRAIRIE CORD GRASS
Spartina pectinata



MASH BLAZING STAR
Liatris spicata



DOWNY PHLOX
Phlox pilosa



IRONWEED
Vernonia fasciculata

Latin name	Common name	Habit	Height	Moisture	Size	Shade/sun	Herbivores	Flower color	Flower	Comments
Matteuccia struthiopteris	Ostrich fern	Fern	2-4 ft	Wet-mesic	medium	Shade				
Bouteloua gracilis	Blue grama	Graminoid	1-2 ft.	Dry-mesic	small	Sun				Good for edges
Carex comosa	Long-haried sedge	Graminoid	1-3 ft	wet	medium	Shade/sun				
Carex stricta	Tussock sedge	Graminoid	1-2 ft.	wet	medium	Shade/sun				Pretty good for rain gardens
Carex vulpinoides	Fox sedge	Graminoid	2-3 ft.	Wet-moist	medium	Shade/sun				Great for rain gardens
Spartina pectinata	Priairie cord grass	Graminoid	4-10 ft	wet	tall	Sun				can get too tall for small gardens
Agastache foeniculum	Anise hyssop	Herb	2-4 ft	mesic	medium	Shade/sun				
Asclepias incarnata	Marsh milkweed	Herb	3-6 ft	wet	tall	Sun	Deer resistant	pink	summer	
Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly milkweed	Herb	2-3 ft	mesic	medium	Sun	Deer resistant	bright orange	late spring-summer	
Aster novae-angliae	New England Aster	Herb	2-3 ft.	Wet-mesic	medium	Shade/sun	Rabbit resistant	Purple	Fall	Can grow too big and become unattractive if not pruned periodically
Caltha palustris	Marsh marigold	Herb	1-2 ft.	wet	small	Shade/sun		Bright yellow	Spring	Beautiful, but needs consistently moist conditions to perform well
Chelone glabra	Turtlehead	Herb	2-3 ft.	Wet-moist	medium	Shade/sun		white (purple variant)	summer	
Echinacea	Coneflower	Herb	2-4 ft	Dry-mesic	medium	Sun		Purple	summer	Overused?
Epilobium angustifolium	Fireweed	Herb	3-7 ft	wet	tall	Shade/sun		Pink-red	Summer-fall	
Eupatorium maculatum	Spotted joe-pye weed	Herb	2-6 ft	wet	tall	Sun		lavender	summer	good for rain gardens; can be rather tall for small sites, but attracts butterflies
Eupatorium purpureum	Joe pye weed	Herb	3-6 ft	wet	tall	Shade/sun		Purple	summer	can get too tall for small gardens
Filipendula rubra	Queen of the prairie	Herb	2-3 ft	Wet-mesic	medium	Sun		pink/rose		summer
Helenium autumnale	Sneezeweed	Herb	3-5 ft	wet	tall	Sun		Yellow		plants can grow too tall/thick; should be pruned periodically
Liatris pycnostachya	Blazing star	Herb	2-4 ft	Wet-mesic	medium	Sun		Purple	summer	
Liatris spicata	Marsh blazing star	Herb	2-3 ft	mesic	medium	Sun		Purple	Summer-fall	Great for rain gardens
Lobelia cardinalis	Cardinal flower	Herb	2-4 ft	wet	tall	Shade/sun	Deer/rabbit resistant	red	late summer	Can have a hard time during very dry periods
Lobelia siphilitica	Blue lobelia	Herb	2-3 ft.	wet	medium	Shade/sun	Deer/rabbit resistant	blue	Fall	
Mimulus ringens	Monkey flower	Herb	1-3 ft	Wet-moist	small	Shade/sun		lavender	summer	doesn't do well in very dry soil
Monarda fistulosa	Wild bergamot	Herb	2-4 ft	mesic	medium	Sun	Deer resistant	lavender	summer	tolerant of many moisture conditions
Phlox divaricata	Wild sweet william	Herb	6-18 in	mesic	small	Shade		blue	late spring-summer	
Phlox pilosa	Downy phlox	Herb	1-2 ft.	mesic	small	Sun		Pink-purple	late spring-summer	
Pycnanthemum virginianum	Virginia mountain mint	Herb	2-3 ft.	mesic	Small-medium	Shade/sun	Deer resistant	white	summer	
Rudbeckia hirta	Black-eyed Susan	Herb	1-3 ft	mesic	medium	Sun		Yellow	summer	may not do well in persistently very wet conditions
Solidago flexicaulis	Zig-zag goldenrod	Herb	1-3 ft	mesic	Small-medium	Shade/sun		Yellow	Fall	
Solidago riddellii	Riddell's goldenrod	Herb	1-3 ft	Wet-mesic	Small-medium	Shade/sun		Yellow	Fall	
Tradescantia virginiana	Virginia spiderwort	Herb	2-3 ft	mesic	Small-medium	Shade		Purple	Spring	can become invasive (in gardens/lawns) if not monitored
Verbena hastata	Blue vervain	Herb	4-6 ft.	Wet-mesic	tall	Full sun		Blue-violet	Summer-fall	can self sow prolifically
Veronica fasciculata	Ironweed	Herb	3-6 ft	wet	tall	Sun	Deer/rabbit resistant	Red-violet	Summer-fall	can get too tall for small gardens
Veronicastrum virginicum	Culver's root	Herb	3-4 ft	Wet-mesic	tall	Sun		white	summer	
Zizia aurea	Golden Alexanders	Herb	2-3 ft	Wet-mesic	Small-medium	Shade		Yellow	early summer	
Alnus incana	Speckled elder	Woody	up to 20 ft	Wet-mesic	shrub/tree	Sun				
Cornus sericea	Red osier dogwood	Woody	To 6 ft.	Wet-mesic	shrub	Shade				pretty red stems in winter
Myrica gale	Sweet gale	Woody	To 6 ft.	Wet-mesic	shrub	Shade/sun				
Salix discolor	Pussy willow	Woody	To 15 ft.	Wet-mesic	shrub	Shade				
Sambucus canadensis	American elderberry	Woody	To 12 ft.	Wet-mesic	shrub	Sun				
Spirea alba	Meadowsweet	Woody	2-5 ft	Wet-mesic	shrub	Shade/sun		white	summer	
Viburnum dentatum	Arrowwood	Woody	To 15 ft.	Wet-mesic	shrub	Shade/sun				