



Native Plants for Sustainable Landscapes

Native Plants for Rain Gardens

A rain garden is a vegetated depression that collects stormwater runoff. The deep roots of natives help infiltrate runoff more effectively than the short roots of many turf grasses and other ornamental plants. And many native riparian species are adapted to the wet/dry conditions found in rain gardens - making them a perfect fit. **A successful plant community is the key to a functioning rain garden!**

Tall Sunny Rain Garden, 4'+

Wildflowers & Grasses

ANDROPOGON GERADII Big Bluestem
ASTER NOVAE-ANGLIAE New England Aster
EUPATORIUM MACULATUM Joe Pye Weed 'Gateway'
HELENIUM AUTUMNALE Helen's Flower
HELIANTHUS DECAPETALUS Thin-leaved Sunflower
HELIOPSIS HELIANTHOIDES Ox-eye Sunflower
HIBISCUS MOSCHEUTOS Crimson-eyed Rose Mallow
LIATRIS SPICATA Dense Blazing Star
PANICUM VIRGATUM Switchgrass
RUDBECKIA LACINIATA Cutleaf Coneflower
SENNA HEBECARPA Wild Senna
SORCHASTRUM NUTANS Indian Grass
VERNONIA NOVEBORACENSIS NY Ironweed
VERONICASTRUM VIRGINICUM Culvers Root

Shrubs

AMELANCHIER CANADENSIS Serviceberry
ARONIA ARBUTIFOLIA Red Chokeberry
ARONIA MELANOCARPA Black Chokeberry
CEPHALANTHUS OCCIDENTALIS Buttonbush
CLETHRA ALNIFOLIA Summersweet
CORNUS AMOMUM Silky Dogwood
CORNUS RACEMOSA Gray Dogwood
CORNUS SERICEA Red Twig Dogwood
HAMAMELIS VIRGINIANA Witchhazel
ILEX VERTICILLATA Winterberry
LINDERA BENZOIN Spicebush
MYRICA GALE Sweetgale
MYRICA PENNSYLVANICA Bayberry
PHYSOCARPOS OPULIFOLIUS Eastern Ninebark
SALIX DISCOLOR Pussy Willow
SAMBUCUS CANADENSIS Common Elderberry
SPIRAEA ALBA Meadowsweet

Medium Sunny Rain Garden, 3'-4'

Wildflowers & Grasses

AGASTACHE FOENICULUM Lavender Hyssop
ASCLEPIAS INCARNATA Swamp Milkweed
BOLTONIA ASTEROIDES Bolton's Aster
CHELONE GLABRA White turtlehead
EUPATORIUM DUBIUM Joe Pye Weed 'Little Joe'
LOBELIA CARDINALIS Cardinal Flower
MONARDA DIDYMA Beebalm
MONARDA FISTULOSA Wild Bergamot
PENSTEMON DIGITALIS Tall White Beardtongue

PHYSOTEGIA VIRGINIANA False Dragonhead
SOLIDAGO RUGOSA Roughstem Goldenrod

Shrubs

CEPHALANTHUS OCCIDENTALIS Buttonbush 'Sugar Shack'
CLETHRA ALNIFOLIA Summersweet 'Hummingbird'
CORNUS SERICEA Red Twig Dogwood 'Arctic Fire'
ILEX GLABRA Inkberry 'Compacta'
ILEX VERTICILLATA Winterberry 'Jim Dandy'
PHYSOCARPOS OPULIFOLIUS Eastern Ninebark 'Tiny Wine'

Low Sunny Rain Garden, 1-3'

Wildflowers & Grasses

AMSONIA TABERNAEMONTANA VAR. SALICIFOLIA Eastern Bluestar
AQUILEGIA CANADENSIS Wild Columbine
ASTER NOVAE-ANGLIAE New England Aster 'Purple Dome'
ASTER NOVAE-BELGII New York Aster
CALTHA PALUSTRIS Marsh Marigold
CHASMANTHIUM LATIFOLIUM Northern Sea Oats
DESCHAMPSIA CAESPITOSA Tufted Hairgrass
ECHINACEA PURPUREA Purple Coneflower
ERAGROSTIS SPECTABILIS Purple Lovegrass
EUPATORIUM COELESTINUM Blue Mistflower
EUPATORIUM DUBIUM Joe Pye Weed 'Baby Joe'
GENTIANA ANDREWSII Bottle Gentian
HELENIUM AUTUMNALE Helen's Flower 'Salsa'
HIBISCUS MOSCHEUTOS Crimson-eyed Rose Mallow 'Luna Rose'
LIATRIS SPICATA Dense Blazing Star 'Kobold'
LOBELIA SIPHILITICA Blue Lobelia
IRIS VERSICOLOR Blue Flag Iris
MONARDA DIDYMA Beebalm 'Petite Delight'
OENOTHERA FRUTICOSA Shrubby Sundrops
PANICUM VIRGATUM Switchgrass 'Shenandoah'
PENSTEMON DIGITALIS Tall White Beardtongue 'Husker's Red'
PHLOX PANICULATA Summer Phlox
RUDBECKIA FULGIDA Black-eyed Susan
SCHIZACHYRIUM SCOPARIUM Little Bluestem
SCUTELLARIA INCANA Hoary Skullcap
ZIZIA AUREA Golden Alexander

Shrubs

CORNUS SERICEA Red Twig Dogwood 'Kelseyi'
ILEX VERTICILLATA Winterberry 'Red Sprite'
CHAMAEDAPHNE CALYCVLATA Leatherleaf
KALMIA ANGUSTIFOLIA Sheep Laurel



Shady Rain Garden

Wildflowers & Ferns

ASARUM CANADENSE Wild Ginger
ATHYRIUM FILIX-FEMINA Lady Fern
CIMICIFUGA RACEMOSA Bugbane
GERANIUM MACULATUM Wild Geranium
LOBELIA SIPHILITICA Blue Lobelia
MATTEUCCIA STRUTHOPTERIS Ostrich Fern
OSMUNDA CINNAMONEA Cinnamon Fern
O. REGALIS VAR. SPECTABILIS Royal Fern
PACKERA AUREA Golden Ragwort
POLEMONIUM REPTANS Jacob's Ladder
PORTERANTHUS TRIFOLIATUS Bowman's Root
SCUTELLARIA INCANA Hoary Skullcap
SOLIDAGO CAESIA Blue-stemmed Goldenrod
SOLIDAGO FLEXICAULIS ZigZag Goldenrod
TIARELLA CORDIFOLIA Foamflower
ZIZIA AUREA Golden Alexander