



Plants for Rain Gardens - Herbaceous Perennials

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<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	swamp milkweed		Wet/Moist	Sun/Pt Shade	36"-48"	June-Aug	x	3 to 9	Host for Monarch butterfly
<i>Chelone lyonii</i>	pink turtlehead		Wet/Moist	Sun/Pt Shade	24"-36"	Aug-Sept	x	4 to 7	Colonizes
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	boneset		Wet/Moist	Sun/Pt Shade	36"-48"	July-Sept	x	3 to 9	
<i>Eutrochium dubium</i>	coastal plain joe pye		Wet/Moist	Sun/Pt Shade	48"-60"	Aug-Sept	x	5 to 9	
<i>Eutrochium fistulosum</i>	hollow-stemmed joe pye		Wet/Moist	Sun/Pt Shade	60"-84"	July-Aug	x	3 to 9	
<i>Iris versicolor</i>	blue flag iris		Wet/Moist	Sun/Pt Shade	24"-30"	May-June	x	4 to 9	
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	cardinal flower	x	Wet/Moist	Sun/Pt Shade	24"-48"	Aug-Sept	x	3 to 9	Needs disturbance
<i>Mimulus ringens</i>	monkey flower		Wet/Moist	Sun/Pt Shade	12"-36"	July-Sept	x	4 to 9	Host-Baltimore checkerspot & Buckeyes
<i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i>	smooth aster		Wet/Moist	Sun/Pt Shade	36"-48"	Aug-Oct	x	4 to 8	
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	culver's root		Wet/Moist	Sun/Pt Shade	48"-72"	July-Aug	x	3 to 10	
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	golden alexanders		Wet/Moist	Sun/Pt Shade	12"-24"	April-June	x	4 to 9	Host plant for Black Swallowtail
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	marsh marigold		Wet/Moist	Sun/Shade	10"-12"	April-May	x	3 to 7	
<i>Packera aurea</i>	golden ragwort	x	Wet/Moist	Sun/Shade	12"	April-May	x	4 to 9	
<i>Chelone glabra</i>	White turtlehead		Wet/Moist	Pt Shade	24"-36"	Aug-Oct	x	4 to 8	
<i>Chelone lyonii</i>	Pink turtlehead		Wet/Moist	Pt Shade	24"-36"	Aug-Oct	x	4 to 9	
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Great blue lobelia		Moist	Sun/Pt Shade	24"-36"	Aug-Oct	x	3 to 9	Self-seeds
<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Virginia bluebells		Moist	Sun/Pt Shade	12"-18"	April-May	x	3 to 9	
<i>Monarda didyma</i>	bee balm		Moist	Sun/Pt Shade	36"-60"	June-July	x	3 to 9	
<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	New England aster		Moist	Sun/Pt Shade	36"-72"	Aug-Oct	x	3 to 9	Host for Pearl Crescent, Checkerspots
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	wild bergamot		Moist/Dry	Sun	24"-60"	June-July	x	3 to 9	
<i>Amsonia hubrichtii</i>	threadleaf bluestar		Moist/Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	36"	April-May	x	4 to 9	Yellow fall color
<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i>	eastern blue star		Moist/Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	24"-36"	May	x	3 to 9	
<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	threadleaf tickseed		Moist/Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	8"-24"	June-Aug	x	4 to 9	Likes poor, dry soils

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<i>Dicentra eximia</i>	wild bleeding heart		Moist/Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	12"-18"	April-Oct	x	4 to 9	
<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	rattlesnake master		Moist/Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	48"-60"	June-July	x	4 to 9	
<i>Eurybia divaricata</i>	white wood aster		Moist/Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	24"-36"	Sept-Oct	x	3 to 8	Does well in dry shade
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	wild geranium		Moist/Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	8"-18"	April-May	x	3 to 9	
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	blazing star		Moist/Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	24"-36"	July-Sept	x	3 to 9	
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	beardtongue		Moist/Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	36"-48"	June	x	3 to 8	Self-seeds
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i> & cultivars	obedient plant		Moist/Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	36"	Aug-Oct	x	3 to 9	Clump forming
<i>Pycnanthemum flexuosum</i>	Appalachian mt. mint		Moist/Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	24"-36"	Aug-Sept	x	5b to 8	Host for gray hairstreak
<i>Pycnanthemum muticum</i>	clustered mt. mint	x	Moist/Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	24"-36"	June-Aug	x	3 to 9	
<i>Solidago rugosa</i> 'Fireworks'	rough stemmed goldenrod	x	Moist/Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	36"-48"	Aug-Sept	x	3 to 9	
<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	foam flower		Moist/Dry	Pt Shade/Shade	12"	April-May	x	4 to 9	
<i>Phlox subulata</i>	moss phlox		Dry	Sun	4"-12"	April-May	x	3 to 9	
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	eastern columbine		Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	12"	April-June	x	3 to 9	
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	butterfly weed		Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	18"-24"	June-July	x	3 to 9	Host for monarch butterfly
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	eastern purple coneflower		Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	24"-36"	July-Aug	x	3 to 9	
<i>Heuchera americana</i>	coral bells		Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	12"-18"	April-June	x	3 to 9	
<i>Monarda bradburiana</i>	eastern bee balm		Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	12"-24"	May	x	4 to 8	
<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	garden phlox		Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	36"-48"	July-Aug	x	3 to 9	Like rich, organic soil
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida var fulgida</i>	orange coneflower		Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	24"-30"	Aug-Oct	x	3 to 9	10 weeks bloom
<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>	brown eyed susan		Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	24"-36"	July-Sept	x	3 to 9	Short-lived perennial, self seeds
<i>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</i>	blue-eyed grass	x	Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	4"-12"	May-June	x	5 to 9	
<i>Symphotrichum oblongifolium</i>	aromatic aster		Dry	Sun/Pt Shade	12"-36"	Aug-Oct	x	5 to 9	
	<u>Grass/Sedge/Rush</u>								
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	common rush	x	Wet	Sun/Pt Shade	24"-36"	June-Aug		2 to 9	
<i>Carex stricta</i>	tussock sedge	x	Wet/Moist	Sun/Pt Shade	24"-36"	May-June		5 to 8	
<i>Carex vulpiperda</i>	fox sedge	x	Wet/Moist	Sun/Pt Shade	12"-36"	May-June		3 to 7	
<i>Juncus tenuis</i>	poverty rush	x	Wet/Moist	Sun/Pt Shade	6"-24"	June-Aug		3 to 9	Cool season grass
<i>Carex amphibola</i>	eastern narrow leaf sedge	x	Wet/Moist	Pt Shade/Shade	8"-12"	March-June		3 to 9	Semi-evergreen. Host for skippers
<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i>	tufted hairgrass	x	Moist	Sun/Pt Shade	24"-48"	July-Sept		4 to 9	Cool season grass
<i>Carex pensylvanica</i>	Pennsylvania sedge	x	Moist/Dry	Pt Shade/Shade	8"-10"	May		4 to 8	

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<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	purple love grass		Dry	Sun	12"-24"	July-Aug		5 to 8	
	Ferns								
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	sensitive fern		Wet/Moist	Pt Shade/Shade	36"-48"			2 to 10	
<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>	cinnamon fern		Wet/Moist	Pt Shade/Shade	24"-48"				
<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	royal fern		Wet/Moist	Pt Shade/Shade	48"-60"			2 to 10	
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