

Plants for Damp or Wet Areas

Plants marked with an * are more tolerant of very wet or periodically flooded conditions. When selecting plants using this list, remember that a number of factors determine the suitability of a plant for a particular location. In addition to adaptability to moisture, also consider light requirements, soil type, hardiness and heat tolerance, and other factors.

Trees (*Botanical Name* - *Common Name*)

Tall Deciduous Trees

(50 feet or more in height at maturity)

- **Acer rubrum* - Red Maple
- **Carya illinoensis* - Pecan
- *Catalpa species* - Catalpa
- **Fraxinus pennsylvanica* - Green Ash
- **Liquidambar styraciflua* - Sweet Gum
- *Metasequoia glyptostroboides* - Dawn Redwood
- **Platanus occidentalis* - Sycamore
- **Quercus bicolor* - Swamp White Oak
- **Quercus nigra* - Water Oak
- *Quercus palustris* - Pin Oak
- **Quercus phellos* - Willow Oak
- **Salix species* - Willows
- **Taxodium ascendens* - Pond Cypress
- **Taxodium distichum* - Bald Cypress

Medium Deciduous Trees

(30 to 50 feet in height at maturity)

- *Asimina triloba* - Pawpaw
- **Betula nigra* - River Birch
- **Carpinus caroliniana* - Ironwood
- **Diospyros virginiana* - Persimmon
- *Gleditsia triacanthos* - Honey Locust
- *Magnolia macrophylla* - Bigleaf Magnolia
- **Nyssa aquatica* - Water Tupelo
- **Nyssa sylvatica* - Black Gum

- **Quercus laurifolia* - Laurel Oak

Small Deciduous Trees

(under 30 feet in height at maturity)

- *Amelanchier arborea* - Juneberry
- *Chionanthus virginicus* - Fringetree
- *Cornus alternifolia* - Pagoda Dogwood
- *Halesia carolina* - Carolina Silverbell
- *Hamamelis virginiana* - Witch Hazel
- *Magnolia tripetala* - Umbrella Magnolia
- *Ostrya virginiana* - Hop Hornbeam
- *Styrax americanus* - American Snowbell

Evergreen Trees

- **Chamaecyparis thyoides* - White Cedar
- **Gordonia lasianthus* - Loblolly Bay
- *Ilex cassine* - Dahoon
- *Ilex opaca* - American Holly
- *Magnolia grandiflora* - Southern Magnolia
- **Magnolia virginiana* - Sweet Bay
- **Pinus elliotti* - Slash Pine
- **Pinus taeda* - Loblolly Pine
- *Sabal palmetto* - Cabbage Palm

Shrubs (*Botanical Name* - *Common Name*)

Evergreen Shrubs

- *Agarista populifolia* - Florida Leucothoe
- *Cyrilla racemiflora* - Leatherwood
- *Fatsia japonica* - Japanese Fatsia
- **Ilex glabra* - Inkberry
- *Ilex verticillata* - Winterberry
- *Ilex vomitoria* - Yaupon Holly
- *Illicium floridanum* - Florida Anise
- *Leucothoe axillaris* - Coastal Leucothoe
- *Myrica cerifera* - Wax Myrtle
- *Osmanthus americanus* - Devilwood
- *Sabal minor* - Dwarf Palmetto

Deciduous Shrubs

- *Aesculus parviflora* - Bottlebrush Buckeye
- *Aronia arbutifolia* - Red Chokeberry
- *Baccharis halimifolis* - Groundsel Tree
- *Callicarpa americana* - American Beautyberry
- *Calycanthus floridus* - Sweetshrub
- **Cephalanthus occidentalis* - Buttonbush
- *Chimonanthus praecox* - Wintersweet
- **Clethra alnifolia* - Summersweet
- **Cornus sericea* - Redtwig Dogwood
- *Forsythia* species - Forsythia
- *Fothergilla* species - Fothergilla
- **Ilex decidua* - Possumhaw
- **Itea virginica* - Virginia Sweetspire
- **Lindera* species - Spicebush
- *Rhododendron atlanticum* - Coast Azalea
- *Rhododendron viscosum* - Swamp Azalea
- *Rhodotypos scandens* - Jetbead
- *Rosa carolina* - Carolina Rose
- *Rosa palustris* - Swamp Rose
- *Sambucus nigra* ssp. *canadensis* - American Elderberry
- *Spiraea* x *vanhouttei* - Bridal Wreath Spiraea
- *Thuja occidentalis* - American Arborvitae
- *Vaccinium arboreum* - Farkleberry
- *Viburnum opulus* - Cranberry Viburnum
- *Xanthorhiza simplicissima* - Yellowroot
- *Zenobia pulverulenta* - Dusty Zenobia

Groundcovers & Vines (*Botanical Name* - *Common Name*)

- *Ajuga* species - Carpet Bugle
- *Aspidistra elatior* - Cast Iron Plant
- *Bignonia capreolata* - Cross Vine
- *Campsis radicans* - Trumpet Creeper
- *Convallaria majalis* - Lily of the Valley
- *Decumaria barbara* - Wild Climbing Hydrangea
- *Gelsemium sempervirens* - Carolina Jessamine
- *Hydrangea anomala petiolaris* - Climbing Hydrangea
- *Liriope spicata* - Liriope
- *Lonicera sempervirens* - Trumpet Honeysuckle
- *Smilax smallii* - Jackson Vine
- *Wisteria frutescens* - American Wisteria

Ferns (*Botanical Name* - *Common Name*)

- *Athyrium filix-femina* - Lady Fern
- *Athyrium nipponicum* - Painted Fern
- *Cyrtomium falcatum* - Holly Fern
- *Dryopteris erythrosora* - Autumn Fern
- *Dryopteris filix-mas* - Male Fern
- *Matteuccia pennsylvanica* - Ostrich Fern
- *Onoclea sensibilis* - Sensitive Fern
- *Osmunda cinnamomea* - Cinnamon Fern
- **Osmunda regalis* - Royal Fern
- *Thelypteris palustris* - Marsh Fern

Ornamental Grasses (*Botanical Name* - *Common Name*)

- **Arundo donax* - Giant Reed
- **Carex* species - Sedges
- *Chasmanthium latifolium* - Northern Sea Oats
- *Schizachyrium scoparium* - Little Bluestem
- *Sorghastrum nutans* - Indian Grass
- *Spartina pectinata* - Cordgrass

Perennials & Bulbs (*Botanical Name* - *Common Name*)

- **Acorus calamus* - Sweet Flag
- **Acorus gramineus* - Dwarf Sweet Flag
- **Alocasia macrorrhiza* - Giant Alocasia
- *Arisaema triphyllum* - Jack-in-the-Pulpit
- **Asclepias incarnata* - Swamp Milkweed
- *Aspidistra elatior* - Cast Iron Plant
- *Aster novae-angliae* - New England Aster
- *Astilbe* x *arendsii* - Astilbe
- **Canna* species - Canna
- *Chelone* species - Turtlehead
- *Cimicifuga* species - Bugbane
- **Colocasia esculenta* - Elephants Ear
- *Convallaria majalis* - Lily Of The Valley
- **Crinum americanum* - Swamp Lily
- *Crinum* species - Crinum
- *Eupatorium purpureum* - Joe-Pye Weed
- **Filipendula* species - Meadow Sweet
- *Galium odoratum* - Sweet Woodruff
- *Hedychium* species - Ginger Lily
- **Helianthus angustifolius* - Swamp Sunflower
- *Hemerocallis hybrids* and species - Daylily
- **Hibiscus coccineus* - Scarlet Swamp Hibiscus
- *Hibiscus* species - Rose Mallow
- *Houttuynia cordata* - Houttuynia

- **Hymenocallis* - Spider Lily
- **Iris ensata* - Japanese Iris
- **Iris hybrids* - Louisiana Iris
- **Iris laevigata* - Rabbitear Iris
- **Iris pseudacorus* - Yellow Flag
- *Iris sibirica* - Siberian Iris
- **Iris virginica* - Southern Blue Flag
- **Leucojum aestivum* - Summer Snowflake
- *Ligularia* species - Ligularia
- **Lobelia cardinalis* - Cardinal Flower
- **Lobelia siphilitica* - Blue Cardinal Flower
- **Lysimachia clethroides* - Gooseneck Loosestrife
- **Lysimachia punctata* - Yellow Loosestrife
- *Malvaviscus arboreus* - Turks Cap
- *Mentha* species - Mints
- *Mertensia virginica* - Virginia Bluebell
- *Monarda* species - Bee Balm
- *Myosotis scorpioides* - Forget-Me-Not
- *Physostegia virginiana* - Obedient Plant
- **Rhexia virginica* - Meadow Beauty
- *Smilacina racemosa* - False Solomon's Seal
- *Tiarella cordifolia* - Foam Flower
- *Tradescantia virginiana* - Spiderwort
- *Tricyrtis formosana* - Toad Lily

- *Vernonia noveboracensis* - Ironweed
- **Xanthosoma atrovirens* - Taro
- **Zantedeschia aethopica* - Calla Lily
- *Zephyranthes atamasca* - Atamasco Lily
- *Zephyranthes candida* - Rain Lily

Annuals (*Botanical Name* - *Common Name*)

- *Asperula orientalis* - Blue Woodruff
- *Impatiens* varieties - Impatiens
- **Mimulus alatus* - Monkey Flower
- *Solenostemon* cultivars - Coleus
- *Viola* cultivars - Pansy

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