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Native Plants for Wet Areas

There are many plants adapted to moist and wet areas. The following plants tolerate wet soil. (This is not the same as standing water, although these plants may tolerate brief periods of standing water.)

PERENNIALS

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| Actaea pachypoda -- White baneberry | Lobelia cardinalis -- Cardinal flower |
| Arisaema triphyllum -- Jack in the pulpit | Lobelia siphilitica -- Great blue lobelia |
| Aruncus dioicus -- Goat's beard | Lysimachia ciliate -- Fringed loosestrife |
| Asclepias incarnata -- Swamp milkweed | Mertensia virginica -- Virginia bluebells |
| Aster novae-angliae -- New England Aster | Mimulus ringens -- Monkey flower |
| Aster puniceus -- Purple-stemmed aster | Monarda didyma -- Beebalm |
| Astragalus canadensis - Canada milkvetch | Penstemon digitalis -- Beardtongue |
| Caltha palustris -- Marsh marigold | Phlox Carolina -- Carolina phlox |
| Chelone glabra -- Turtlehead | Phlox maculatum -- Wild Sweet William |
| Chelone lyonii -- Pink turtlehead | Physostegia virginiana -- Obedient plant |
| Coreopsis rosea -- Pink tickseed | Rudbeckia laciniata -- Cutleaf coneflower |
| Eupatorium fistulosum -- Joe-Pye-Weed | Sanguisorba canadense -- Swamp Burnet |
| Eupatorium perfoliatum -- Boneset | Scutellaria integrifolia -- Hyssop skullcap |
| Filipendula rubra -- Queen-of-the-prairie | Sedum ternatum -- Stonecrop |
| Helenium autumnale -- Helen's Flower | Senecio aureus -- Golden Groundsel |
| Helianthus angustifolius -- Sunflower | Silphium laciniatum -- Cup Plant |
| Hibiscus moscheutos -- Rose mallow | Symplocarpus foetidus -- Skunk cabbage |
| Iris fulva -- Copper iris | Vernonia noveboracensis -- Ironweed |
| Iris prismatica -- Slender Blue Flag | Veronicastrum virginicum -- Culvers Root |
| Iris versicolor -- Blue flag | Viola cucullata -- Blue Marsh Violet |
| L. quadriflora -- 4 flower yellow loosestrife | |
| Lilium superbum -- Turk's-cap Lily | |

TREES AND SHRUBS

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| Acer rubrum -- Red Maple | Baccharis halimifolia -- Groundsel Bush |
| Alnus serrulata -- Alder | Betula alleghaniensis -- Yellow Birch |
| Amelanchier -- Serviceberry | Betula populifolia -- Grey Birch |
| Aronia -- Chokeberry | Balkan Syringa -- Sweetshrub |

Carpinus caroliniana – Hornbeam
Chamaecyparis thyoides -- Atlantic White Cedar
Clethra alnifolia -- Sweet pepperbush
Clethra alnifolia – Summersweet
Cornus amomum – Silky Dogwood
Cornus racemose – Gray Dogwood
Cornus sericea -- Red-osier dogwood
Corylus Americana -- Hazelnut
Crataegus viridis -- Green hawthorn
Fagus grandifolia – American Beech
Hamamelis vernalis – Vernal Witch Hazel
Ilex glabra – Inkberry Holly
Ilex opaca -- American holly
Ilex verticillata – Winterberry Holly
Itea virginica – Virginia Sweetspire
Liriodendron tulipifera – Tulip Tree
Lindera benzoin -- Spicebush
Myrica pensylvanica – Bayberry

Cephalanthus occidentalis – Buttonbush
Physocarpus opulifolius – Ninebark
Populus tremuloides Quaking aspen
Quercus palustris Pin oak
Rosa palustris -- Swamp rose
Salix discolor – Pussy Willow
Salix nigra Black willow
Sambucus canadensis -- American elder
Spiraea alba -- Meadowsweet
Spirea tomentosa – Steeplebush
Styrax americanus American snowbell
Taxodium distichum – Bald Cypress
Vaccinium corymbosum -- Highbush blueberry
Viburnum dentatum – Arrowwood Viburnum
Viburnum nudum -- Possumhaw viburnum
Viburnum trilobum – American Cranberry Bush
Xanthoriza simplicissima -- Yellowroot

GRASSES AND FERNS

Carex muskingumensis -- Palm Sedge
Matteuccia struthiopteris -- Ostrich fern
Onoclea sensibilis -- Sensitive fern
Osmunda cinnamomea -- Cinnamon fern
Osmunda regalis -- Royal fern
Panicum virgatum -- Switch Grass

For plants that tolerate standing water and seasonal inundation, please refer to Wetland Planting Guide for the Northeastern United States: Plants for Wetland Creation, Restoration, and Enhancement; by Gwendolyn A. Thunhorst and Dawn R. Biggs. We have a copy in our office.

We also have a separate list for areas that alternate between flooding and very dry. Please ask in the office.