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Native Plants for Wet Areas

Pennsylvania has more than 80,000 miles of rivers and streams. Add to that all our lakes, ponds, swamps, and floodplains, and there's a good chance you have a water source on or near your property. This can make landscaping challenging. Luckily, there are many plants adapted to moist and wet areas. The following plants tolerate wet soil, which differs from standing water. Generally speaking, wet soil is fully saturated and cannot hold more water; while moist soil will feel damp to the touch but is not fully saturated. Please ask a nursery employee for information on plants for moist sites.

PERENNIALS

<i>Actaea pachypoda</i>	- White Baneberry	<i>Monarda didyma</i>	- Scarlet Beebalm
<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	- Jack-in-the-Pulpit	<i>Packera aurea</i>	- Golden Ragwort
<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>	- Goatsbeard	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	- Foxglove Beardtongue
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	- Swamp Milkweed	<i>Phlox Carolina</i>	- Carolina Phlox
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	- Marsh Marigold	<i>Phlox maculata</i>	- Wild Sweet William
<i>Chelone species</i>	- Turtlehead	<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	- Obedient Plant
<i>Coreopsis rosea</i>	- Pink Tickseed	<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	- Cutleaf Coneflower
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	- Boneset	<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>	- Brown-eyed Susan
<i>Eutrochium species</i>	- Joe-Pye Weed	<i>Sanguisorba canadensis</i>	- American Burnet
<i>Filipendula rubra</i>	- Queen of the Prairie	<i>Sedum ternatum</i>	- Woodland Stonecrop
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	- Sneezeweed	<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	- Cup Plant
<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	- Swamp Sunflower	<i>Solidago rigosa</i>	- Rough-stemmed Goldenrod
<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	- Swamp Rose Mallow	<i>Solidago sphacelata 'Golden Fleece'</i>	- Dwarf Goldenrod
<i>Iris species</i>	- Copper, Blueflag, Slender Blueflag	<i>Symphotrichum novae-angliae</i>	- New England Aster
<i>Lilium superbum</i>	- Turk's-cap Lily	<i>Symphotrichum puniceum</i>	- Purple-stemmed Aster
<i>Lobelia species</i>	- Cardinal Flower, Blue Lobelia	<i>Symplocarpus foetidus</i>	- Skunk Cabbage
<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	- Virginia Bluebells	<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>	- New York Ironweed
<i>Mimulus ringens</i>	- Monkeyflower	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	- Culver's Root

FERNS, SEDGES AND GRASSES

<i>Carex muskingumensis</i>	- Palm Sedge
<i>Mattenuccia struthiopteris</i>	- Ostrich Fern
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	- Sensitive Fern
<i>Osmundastrum cinnamomeum</i>	- Cinnamon Fern
<i>Osmunda regalis var. spectabilis</i>	- Royal Fern
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	- Switch Grass
<i>Carex flaccosperma</i>	- Blue Wood Sedge
<i>Carex laxiculmis</i>	- Glaucous Woodland Sedge
<i>Carex stricta</i>	- Tussock Sedge
<i>Claytosmunda claytoniana</i>	- Interrupted Fern

TREES, SHRUBS AND WOODY VINES

<i>Acer rubrum</i>	- Red Maple
<i>Alnus species</i>	- Alders
<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	- Canada Serviceberry
<i>Aronia species</i>	- Chokeberry
<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>	- Groundsel tree
<i>Betula alleghaniensis</i>	- Yellow Birch
<i>Betula nigra</i>	- River Birch
<i>Betula populifolia</i>	- Gray Birch
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	- American Hornbeam
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	- Buttonbush
<i>Chamaecyparis thyoides</i>	- Atlantic White Cedar
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	- Summersweet
<i>Cornus species</i>	- Dogwoods, except <i>C. florida</i>
<i>Dirca palustris</i>	- Eastern Leatherwood
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	- American Beech
<i>Fothergilla gardenii</i>	- Witchalder
<i>Hamamelis species</i>	- Witchhazel
<i>Ilex species</i>	- Holly - American, Inkberry, Winterberry
<i>Itea virginica</i>	- Virginia Sweetspire
<i>Larix laricina</i>	- Larch, Tamarack
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	- Northern Spicebush
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	- Tulip Poplar
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	- Sweetbay Magnolia
<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	- Northern Bayberry
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	- Black Gum, Tupelo
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	- Virginia Creeper
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	- American Sycamore
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	- Quaking Aspen
<i>Potentilla (Dasiphora) fruticosa</i>	- Shrubby Cinquefoil
<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	- Swamp White Oak
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	- Pin Oak
<i>Quercus phellos</i>	- Willow Oak
<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	- Shumard Oak
<i>Rhododendron viscosum</i>	- Swamp Azalea
<i>Rosa palustris</i>	- Swamp Rose
<i>Salix species</i>	- Black Willow, Pussy Willow
<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	- American Elderberry
<i>Spiraea species</i>	- Meadowsweet, Steeplebush
<i>Styrax americanus</i>	- American Snowbell
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	- Bald Cypress
<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	- Highbush Blueberry
<i>Viburnum species</i>	- Viburnum, Witherod
<i>Wisteria frutescens</i>	- American Wisteria
<i>Xanthoxiza simplicissima</i>	- Yellowroot