

Planting in Wet Soil

While many plants succumb to rotten roots in soil that rarely dries out, others are very well suited to it. The key to converting a problem wet spot (e.g., ditch, pond margin, or soggy patch of lawn) into a beautiful oasis is selecting the right plants. The following perennials adapt well to consistently damp sites because their natural habitats include moist meadows and wetland margins:

Arrowhead (*Sagittaria*)*

Astilbe

Astilboides

Black Mondo Grass (*Ophiopogon*)

Bleeding Heart (*Dicentra*)

Burnet (*Sanguisorba*)

Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia*)

Chameleon Plant (*Houttuynia*)

Creeping Jenny (*Lysimachia*)

Darmera

Daylily (*Hemerocallis*)

Flag Iris (*Iris pseudacorus, Iris versicolor*)

Forget-Me-Not (*Myosotis*)

Globe Flower (*Trollius*)

Gold Alexanders (*Zizia*)

Hardy Hibiscus (*Hibiscus moscheutos*)

Interrupted Fern (*Osmunda claytoniana*)

Ironweed (*Vernonia*)

Japanese Iris (*Iris ensata*)

Joe Pye Weed (*Eupatorium*)

Leopard's Bane (*Doronicum*)

Ligularia

Lizard's Tail (*Saururus cernuus*) *

Marsh Marigold (*Caltha palustris*) *

Meadow Rue (*Thalictrum*)

Meadowsweet (*Filipendula*)

Monk's Hood (*Aconitum*)

Pickerel Weed (*Pontederia cordata*) *

Pigsqueak (*Bergenia*)

Primrose (*Primula*)

Rodger's Flower (*Rodgersia*)

Royal Fern (*Osmunda regalis*)

Rush (*Juncus*)

Sedge (*Carex*)

Siberian Iris (*Iris sibiricus*)

Spiderwort (*Tradescantia*)

Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)

Sweet Flag (*Acorus*)

Turtlehead (*Chelone*)

*These plants are suitable for planting in standing water and are available seasonally in the pond supply section of our greenhouse.