

Perennials for 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, heat tolerance, and other factors.

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

- *Ajuga* species - Carpet Bugle
- *Aspidistra elatior* - Cast Iron Plant
- *Campsis radicans* - Trumpet Creeper
- *Convallaria majalis* - Lily of the Valley
- *Decumaria barbara* - Wild Climbing Hydrangea
- *Hydrangea anomala petiolaris* - Climbing Hydrangea
- *Liriope spicata* - Liriope
- *Lonicera sempervirens* - Trumpet Honeysuckle
- *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 and Bulbs (*Botanical Name* - Common Name)

- **Acorus calamus* - 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
- *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
- **Zantedeschia aethiopica* - Calla Lily
- *Zephyranthes atamasca* - Atamasco Lily

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