

Aquatic Plants

The selection of plants for your pond includes a large variety of marginal plants that do well in wet, soggy soils as well as in shallow water. Also included are the surface, floating and oxygenators.

Protect the tropical plants from freezing by bringing them indoors for the winter. This list is not necessarily what we carry but to be used for reference in building a well balanced water pond garden or stream bed.

Botanical Name	Common Name	Description
HARDY MARGINAL PLANTS - plants for the bog and shallow water		
Acorus gramineus ' Variegatus'	Variegated sweet flag	Iris-like leaves;sweetly scented
Alisma plantago-aquatica	Water plantain	Small white flowers;attractive ovate foliage
Caltha palustris	Yellow marsh marigold	Single yellow flowers in April
palustris 'Alba'	White marsh marigold	White flowers in April
palustris 'Plena'	Double marsh marigold	Double yellow flowers in April
Carex morrowii	Japanese sedge	Mounding growth, graceful arching foliage
Dulichium arundinaceum	Water bamboo	Compact, bamboo-like foliage
Eleocharis montevidensis	Spike Rush	Dense minature rush, tiny brown flowers
Iris pseudocarpus, versicolor, variegata	Iris	Beautiful blue or yellow flowers in June or July
Juncus effusus, patens, 'spiralis', tenuis	Rush	Spiky, grass-like foliage: evergreen
Ligularia species	Ragwort	Bright yellow flower spikes in summer
Lobelia cardinalis	Cardinal flower	Red foliage with scarlet flowers
Menyanthes trifoliata	Bog Bean	Trailing leaves with white flowers
Mimulus guttatus	Yellow monkey flower	NW native wetland, light green leaves, yellow flwrs
ringens	Monkey flower	Blooms red or orange July through frost
Myosotis palustris	Water forget-me-not	Creeping foliage, light blue flowers
Myosotis palustris 'Pinkie'	Pink water forget-me-not	Spreading foliage, pink flowers
Myosotis palustris 'Snowflake'	White water forget-me-not	Spreading foliage, white flowers
Peltandra virginica	Arrow Arum	Dark green, glossy, arrow-shaped leaves
Pontederia species	Pickeral rush	Spear-shaped leaves; flower spikes
Potentilla pacifica	Water potentilla	Yellow flowers, 1' tall, spreads quickly
Ranunculus flammula	Creeping spearwort	Small, delicate groundcover, flowers rich yellow
Sagittaria montevidensis	Aztec arrowhead	Arrow-shaped leaves; spikes of white flowers
Sagittaria natans	Dwarf arrowhead	Amphibious marsh plant; 1'-2' tall
Saururus cernuus	Lizard's tail	Triangular leaves; white 'lizard's tail' flowers
Scirpus species	Bulrush	Stiff, grassy foliage
tabernaemontani 'Albescens'	White rush	Thin green variegation on creamy white stem, 3'
'Zebrinus'	Zebra rush	White horizontal stripes on green stems, 30-36" tall
Scrophalaria aquatica 'Variegated'	Water figwort	Small brown flowers, variegated foliage
Sparganium emersum	Burreed	Resiliant rush-like plant, handsome foliage
Spartina bakeri	Sand cordgrass	Grassy foliage, blue gray in color
Thalia dealbata	Hardy water canna	Large leaves, stout stems, 24-36" tall
Typha species	Cattail	Velvety cattails in late summer to fall
Umbellifrae oenatne 'Variegata'	Variegated water celery	Ferny floating foliage; white flowers
Zantedeschia aethiopica	Calla lily	Large white flowers July to September
Zizania latifolia	Wild rice	Big, iris-like foliage

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FLOATING PLANTS - these float freely, roots trail in the water.

*Eichhornia crassipes	Water hyacinth	Tropical-protect from freezing; lavender flower
Lemna minor	Duckweed	Tiny green leaves
*Pistia stratiotes	Water lettuce	Tropical - protect from freezing

OXYGENATORS - submerged plants

Nasturtium officinale	Watercress	Small green leaves, small white flowers and edible!

SURFACING PLANTS - These plants are rooted in soil with leaves that float on the surface.

Aponogeton distachys	Water hawthorne	Fragrant, waxy white flowers in spring and fall
Hydrocotyle umbellata	Pennywort	Small, round leaves for water's edge
Marsilea mutica	Variiegated water clover	Bright green, variegated floating leaves
quadrifolia	Four leaf water clover	Four leafed clover, prefers 8-15" of water
schelpiana	Ruffled water clover	Sscalloped edge, prefers 1-3" of water
Nelumbo species	Water lotus	Huge white or pink flowers;handsome seed pods
Nymphaea species and cultivars	Water lily	Hardy and tropical varieties; protect from freezing
Nymphoides geminata	Yellow snowflake	Brown and green leaves; fringed yellow flowers

TROPICAL BOG PLANTS - need winter protection

*Colocasia species	Water taro	Tropical plants noted for large, colored leaves
*Cyperus alternifolius	Umbrella palm	Tropical - protect from freezing; bring indoors
*isocladius	Dwarf papyrus	Tropical - tight umbrella-like heads on top of slender stems
*Denotes plants not hardy.		