



The Village of Glenview

Village of Glenview's Suggested Plant List for Rain Gardens (2/28/2007)

Light Preference: Shade

Botanical Name	Common Name	Bloom Time	Bloom Color	Height
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Columbine	Spring to Summer	Scarlet, Yellow	1-2'
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Sensitive Fern	Non-flowering	Non-flowering	1-2'
<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>	Cinnamon Fern	Non-flowering	Non-flowering	2-5'
<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	Royal Fern	Non-flowering	Non-flowering	1-3'

Light Preference: Partial Shade and Sun

Botanical Name	Common Name	Bloom Time	Bloom Color	Height
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	Blue False Indigo	May-July	Blue	2-4'
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> *	Purple Coneflower	July-Sept.	Purple	3-4'
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal Flower	July-Sept.	Red	2-5'
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Great Blue Lobelia	July-Sept.	Blue	1-4'
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i> *	Wild Bergamot	July-Sept.	Lavender	2-5'
<i>Polemonium reptans</i>	Jacob's ladder	Spring to Summer	Blue	12-15"
<i>Potentilla norvegica</i>	Rough Cinquefoil	Late Spring to Fall	Yellow	4-36"
<i>Rudbeckia subtomentosa</i> *	Branching Coneflower	July-Sept.	Yellow	2-4'
<i>Sagittaria latifolia</i> *	Arrowhead	Summer	White	1-5'
<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i> *	Cup Plant	Summer	Yellow	3-10'
<i>Stylophorum diphyllum</i>	Celandine Poppy	May-July	Yellow	12-18"
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's Root	July-Aug.	White	3-6'
<i>Carex muskingumensis</i>	Palm Sedge	Spring	Red-brown	2-3'
<i>Cinna arundinacea</i>	Common Wood Reed (grass)			
<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	Virginia Wild Rye (grass)			
<i>Carex grayi</i>	Gray's Sedge	Summer	Green	1-2'
<i>Zizia aurea</i> *	Golden Alexanders	May-June	Yellow	2-4'

Light Preference: Sun

Botanical Name	Common Name	Bloom Time	Bloom Color	Height
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed	June-July	Red, Pink	3-5'
<i>Aster laevis</i>	Smooth Aster	Aug.-Oct.	Blue	1-4'
<i>Aster nova-angliae</i>	New England Aster	Aug.-Oct.	Pink, Purple	3-6'
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Marsh Marigold	April-May	Yellow	1-2'
<i>Chelone glabra</i>	White Turtlehead	July-Oct.	White, Purple	1-3'
<i>Eupatorium purpureum</i>	Joe-Pye Weed	July-Sept.	Pink	3-5'
<i>Iris virginica shrevei</i>	Blue Flag Iris	June-July	Blue	2-3'

* asterisked partial shade and sun plants could also function well in full sun areas.

Suggested Plant List (cont.)

Light Preference: Sun (continued)

<u>Botanical Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Bloom Time</u>	<u>Bloom Color</u>	<u>Height</u>
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Marsh Blazing Star	July-Aug.	Purple, Pink	3-5'
<i>Monarda didyma</i>	Bee Balm	Summer	Red	2-5'
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Smooth Penstemon	June-July	White	2-3'
<i>Solidago ohioensis</i>	Ohio Goldenrod	Aug.-Sept.	Yellow	3-4'
<i>Vernonia fasciculata</i>	Ironweed	July-Sept.	Red, Pink	4-6'
<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	Big Bluestem	Sept.-Oct.	Gold, Blue	4-8'
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	Fox Sedge	May-June	Green	1-3'
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switch Grass	Aug.-Sept.	Green, Gold	3-6'
<i>Spartina pectinata</i>	Prairie Cord Grass	Aug.-Sept.	Green, Gold	3-7'
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	Sneezeweed	July-Sept.	Yellow	1-3'
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	Obedient Plant	July-Aug.	Pink	3-4'
<i>Solidago ridellii</i>	Riddell's Goldenrod	Aug.-Sept.	Yellow	3-4'
<i>Silphium terebinthinaceu</i>	Prairie Dock	July-Sept.	Yellow	2-10'
<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	Spiderwort	May-June	Blue	1-3'

Planting tips:

- Space plants at least 12-18" apart as most native plants mature to a large size within 1-2 years after planting.
- Include at least 25-30% grasses or sedges interspersed throughout the garden. They provide structure and support for some of the larger forbs which need the support.
- Generally, place the taller plants towards the back of the rain garden and shorter plants towards the front. If there's no clear front and back then place the taller plants towards the center and the shorter plants towards the periphery.
- During routine weeding and maintenance, be particularly attentive to removing invasive species of plants like Canada Thistle, Teasel, and Red Canary Grass – they can quickly take over new plantings if not controlled.

Additional Information:

The following websites offer additional information regarding rain gardens:

- www.for-wild.org
- www.chicagowilderness.org
- greenvalues.cnt.org
- www.prairienursery.com
- www.standingupforillinois.org/cleanwater/raingardens.php