



# Raingarden Plant List

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## Butterfly Favorites

For an interactive plant list with photographs, see the DNR website  
<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/wm/nps/rg/plants/PlantListing.htm>

Allium cernuum	<i>nodding wild onion</i>	1-2'	pink/white	July-Aug	MP/WD/S
Amorpha canescens	<i>leadplant</i>	1-3'	dusty purple	June-Aug	MP/DP
Apocynum androsaemifolium	<i>dogbane</i>	6-24"	pink striped	June-Aug	MP/WD/S
Aquilegia canadense	<i>columbine*</i>	1-3'	red & yellow	May-June	MP/WD/S
Asclepias syriaca	<i>common milkweed</i>	2-4'	dusty pink	June-Aug	MP
Asclepias tuberosa	<i>butterfly weed*</i>	1-3'	orange	July-Sept	DP/S
Asclepias incarnata	<i>red milkweed</i>	2-8'	magenta	July-Aug	WP/W
Aster novae-angliae	<i>New England aster</i>	1-4'	purple & orange	Aug-Oct	WP/MP
Aster sericeus	<i>silky aster</i>	1-2'	lavender	Aug-Oct	DP/MP
Aster ericoides	<i>heath aster</i>	1-3'	white	Aug-Oct	DP
Aster azureus	<i>sky blue aster</i>	6-24"	azure	Aug-Oct	MP/DP
Ceanothus americanus	<i>New Jersey tea*</i>	1-3'	white	June-Aug	DP/MP
Chelone glabra	<i>turtlehead</i>	1-3'	white	July-Sept	WP/W
Cirsium discolor	<i>native field thistle</i>	3-9'	pink/red	July-Oct	MP/DP/S
Echinacea purpurea	<i>purple coneflower</i>	2-3'	purple	June-Oct	MP/D
Echinacea pallida	<i>pale purple coneflower</i>	2-4'	pink/purple	June-July	MP/DP
Eryngium yuccifolium	<i>rattlesnake master</i>	1-4'	white/green	July-Aug	DP/MP
Eupatorium perfoliatum	<i>boneset</i>	2-4'	white	July-Oct	MP/WP
Eupatorium purpureum	<i>savanna JoePye</i>	3-6'	dusty pink	July-Aug	WP/MP/S
Eupatorium maculatum	<i>spotted Joe Pye</i>	2-6'	pink	July-Sept	W/WP
Liatris pycnostachya	<i>prairie blazing star*</i>	2-4'	purple	July-Sept	WP/MP
Liatris aspera	<i>rough blazing star*</i>	2-3'	purple/pink	Aug-Oct	MP/DP
Lobelia siphilitica	<i>great blue lobelia</i>	1-4'	blue	Aug-Sept	W/WP
Lobelia cardinalis	<i>cardinal flower*</i>	2-4'	scarlet	July-Sept	W/WP
Monarda fistulosa	<i>bergamot</i>	2-4'	lavender/pink	July-Aug	WP/MP
Petalostemum purpureum	<i>purple prairie clover</i>	1-2'	purple	June-Aug	DP/MP
Phlox divaricata	<i>woodland phlox</i>	6-12"	blue	April-June	WP/DP
Phlox pilosa	<i>downy prairie phlox</i>	6-18"	pink	April-June	DP/MP/S
Pycnanthemum virginiana	<i>mountain mint</i>	1-4'	white	July-Sept	WP/MP
Rudbeckia hirta	<i>black-eyed Susan</i>	1-3'	yellow & brown	June-Aug	DP/MP
Spirea alba	<i>meadowsweet</i>	2-5'	white	June-Sept	WP/W
Solidago speciosa	<i>showy goldenrod</i>	1-3'	yellow	Aug-Oct	MP/DP
Solidago rigida	<i>stiff goldenrod</i>	1-4'	yellow	July-Oct	MP/DP
Solidago riddellii	<i>Riddell's goldenrod</i>	1-3'	yellow	Aug-Oct	W/WP
Tradescantia ohiensis	<i>spiderwort</i>	1-4'	blue	April-July	MP/WP/S
Verbena stricta	<i>hoary vervain</i>	1-2'	blue/purple	July-Sept	MP/DP
Verbena hastata	<i>blue vervain</i>	2-4'	purple	July-Oct	W/WP
Vernonia fasciculata	<i>ironweed</i>	3-5'	royal purple	July-Sept	WP/W
Veronicastrum virginicum	<i>culver's root</i>	3-5'	white	July-Aug	MP/WP
Viola papilionacea	<i>common wood violet</i>	2-6"	purple/white	April-June	S/WD
Viola pedata	<i>birdsfoot violet</i>	2-6"	purple & yellow	April-June	DP/MP/S
Zizia aurea	<i>divided golden Alexander</i>	1-2'	yellow	May-June	WP/W
Zizia aptera	<i>heartleaved golden Alexander</i>	1-2'	yellow	May-June	MP/DP

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## Bird Feeders - Forbs

<i>Aster ericoides</i>	<i>heath aster</i>	1-3'	white	Aug-Oct	DP
<i>Aster sericeus</i>	<i>silky aster</i>	1-2'	lavender	Aug-Oct	DP/MP
<i>Astragalus canadensis</i>	<i>Canada milk vetch</i>	1-4'	yellow	June-Aug	WP/MP/S
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	<i>harebell</i>	6-12"	blue	June-Oct	MP/S/WD
<i>Cassia hebecarpa</i>	<i>wild senna</i>	3-6'	yellow	July-Aug	W/WP
<i>Cirsium discolor</i>	<i>native field thistle</i>	3-9'	pink/red	July-Oct	MP/DP/S
<i>Desmodium canadense</i>	<i>showy tick-trefoil</i>	3-4'	purple	July-Aug	MP/DP/S
<i>Desmodium illinoense</i>	<i>Illinois tick-trefoil</i>	3-5'	purple/pink	July-Aug	MP/DP/S
<i>Epilobium angustifolium</i>	<i>fireweed*</i>	3-7'	pink/red	June-Sept	WP/W
<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	<i>wild strawberry</i>	4-6"	white	April-June	MP /DP/S
<i>Geum triflorum</i>	<i>prairie smoke</i>	6-12"	burgundy/pink	April-June	DP/MP
<i>Helianthus laetiflorus</i>	<i>showy sunflower</i>	1-4'	yellow	Aug-Sept	MP
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	<i>sneezeweed</i>	2-4'	yellow	Aug-Oct	W/WP
<i>Helianthus occidentalis</i>	<i>ox-eye sunflower</i>	2-3'	yellow	Aug-Sept	MP/DP
<i>Helianthus mollis</i>	<i>downy sunflower</i>	2-4'	yellow	Aug-Sept	MP/DP/S
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	<i>false sunflower</i>	2-5'	yellow	July-Sept	MP/DP
<i>Iris shrevei</i>	<i>wild iris*</i>	1-3'	purple & yellow	May-July	MP/WP/W
<i>Lespedeza capitata</i>	<i>roundhead bush clover</i>	2-4'	ivory	July-Sept	MP/DP
<i>Liatris aspera</i>	<i>rough blazing star</i>	2-3'	purple/pink	Aug-Oct	MP/DP
<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	<i>prairie blazing star*</i>	2-4'	lavender	July-Sept	WP/MP
<i>Oenothera biennis</i>	<i>evening primrose</i>	2-5'	yellow	July-Oct	MP/DP
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	<i>bearded foxglove</i>	1-4'	white	May-July	MP/DP
<i>Petalostemum purpureum</i>	<i>purple prairie clover</i>	1-2'	purple	June-Aug	DP/MP
<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	<i>yellow coneflower</i>	1-4'	yellow & brown	June-Aug	WP/MP/DP
<i>Rosa sp.</i>	<i>wild rose</i>	6-18'	pink	June-July	MP/DP/S
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	<i>black-eyed Susan</i>	1-3'	yellow & brown	June-Aug	DP/MP
<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>	<i>brown-eyed Susan</i>	1-4'	yellow & brown	July-Oct	WD/S
<i>Ruellia humilis</i>	<i>wild petunia*</i>	6-18"	purple	June-Aug	DP/MP
<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>	<i>prairie dock</i>	3-8'	yellow	July-Sept	MP/DP
<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	<i>cup plant*</i>	3-7'	yellow	July-Sept	WP
<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>	<i>compass plant</i>	3-7'	yellow	June-Sept	WP/MP
<i>Silphium integrifolium</i>	<i>rosin weed</i>	2-6'	yellow	July-Sept	MP
<i>Solidago riddellii</i>	<i>Riddell's goldenrod</i>	1-3'	yellow	Aug-Oct	W/WP

## Bird Feeders - Grasses

<i>Andropogon scoparius</i>	<i>little bluestem</i>	1-3'	rust & green	Aug-Oct	MP/DP
<i>Andropogon gerardi</i>	<i>big bluestem</i>	4-7'	purple & green	Aug-Nov	WP/MP
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	<i>side-oats grama</i>	1-3'	purple & gold	Aug-Oct	MP/DP
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	<i>switch grass</i>	3-5'	gold	Aug-Oct	MP/DP
<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	<i>Indian grass</i>	3-6'	copper & green	Aug-Oct	MP/DP
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	<i>prairie dropseed</i>	2-4'	gold	Sept-Nov	MP/DP

\*Hummingbird favorite

### Habitat Key:

W-Wetland  
S-Savanna

WP-Wet Prairie  
DP-Dry Prairie

MP-Mesic Prairie  
WD-Woodland

