

Wisconsin Rain Garden Plants – BY COMMON NAME – p. 1

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Type	Common Name	Name	Comment	Moisture	Sun	Ht	Bloom	Habitat	Sold by
forb	anemone, Canada	<i>Anemone canadensis</i>	rhizome	- x x - -	s p -	18	spring summer	prairie up forest low forest	PN
forb	angelica, great	<i>Angelica atropurpurea</i>	alkaline	x x x - -	s p -	84	spring summer	prairie up forest low forest	PM
forb	aster, big-leaved	<i>Aster macrophyllus</i>		- x x x x	s p d	36	summer fall	up forest low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	aster, bristly	<i>Aster puniceus</i>	alkaline	x x - - -	s p -	48	summer fall	low forest	
forb	aster, calico	<i>Aster lateriflorus</i>		- x x x -	s p d	24	summer fall	up forest low forest	PN
forb	aster, flat-top	<i>Aster umbellatus</i>	rhizome	x x x - -	s p -	36	summer fall	prairie	PM
forb	aster, forked	<i>Aster furcatus</i>	+ rhizome	x x x x -	- p d	30	x fall	savanna up forest low forest	PM
forb	aster, health	<i>Aster ericoides</i>	+	- - x x x	s p -	24	summer fall	prairie savanna	AG, PN
forb	aster, New England	<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	+	x x x x -	s p -	48	summer fall	prairie savanna	AG, PM, PN
forb	aster, panicled	<i>Aster lanceolatus</i>		x x x - -	- p d	48	summer fall	prairie up forest low forest	
forb	aster, rice button	<i>Aster dumosus</i>		- x x x x	s - -	30	x fall	prairie	PM
forb	aster, smooth blue	<i>Aster laevis</i>	+	- x x x -	s p -	48	summer fall	prairie savanna up forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	aster, stiff	<i>Aster linariifolius</i>		- x x x -	s p d	12	x fall	prairie savanna	PM
forb	baneberry, red	<i>Actaea rubra</i>	+ poison	x x x - -	- p d	24	spring	savanna up forest low forest	PM, PN
forb	beak grass	<i>Diarrhena obovata</i>	+	- x x x -	- p d	24	-	low forest	AG, PM
forb	beard tongue, white	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	+	- x x - -	s p d	36	summer	prairie	AG, PM, PN
forb	bee balm, bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	+	x x x x x	s p -	42	summer	prairie savanna up forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	bellflower	<i>Campanula americana</i>	+ biennial	- x x x -	s p -	48	summer fall	savanna up forest	AG
forb	black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	+ biennial	- x x x x	s p -	24	summer fall	prairie savanna up forest	AG, PN
forb	black-eyed Susan, sweet	<i>Rudbeckia subtomentosa</i>	+ long-lived	x x x - -	s p -	42	summer fall	prairie savanna	AG, PM, PN
forb	blazing star	<i>Liatris ligulistylis</i>	+	- x x - -	s p -	48	summer fall	prairie	AG, PM, PN
forb	blazing star, marsh	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	+	x x x - -	s p -	48	summer	prairie savanna	AG, PM, PN
forb	blazing star, prairie; gay feather	<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	+	x x x - -	s p -	24	summer	prairie savanna	AG, PM, PN
forb	blue cohosh	<i>Caulophyllum thalictroides</i>		- x x - -	- p d	24	spring	up forest low forest	PM
forb	blue vervain	<i>Verbena hastata</i>		x x x - -	s - -	48	summer	prairie	AG, PN
forb	bluebell, harebell	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	+	- x x x -	s p -	12	summer	prairie savanna up forest	PM, PN
forb	boneset	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>		x x x - -	s p -	36	summer fall	prairie savanna low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	bottle gentian	<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>	+	x x x - -	s p -	12	summer fall	prairie savanna	PM, PN
forb	brown-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>	+ short-lived	- x x x -	s p -	36	summer fall	up forest	AG, PN
forb	cardinal flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	+	x x - - -	s p -	36	summer fall	low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	clover, purple prairie	<i>Dalea purpurea</i>		- - x x x	s - -	24	summer	prairie savanna up forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>		- - x x x	s p d	24	spring	prairie savanna up forest low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	compass plant	<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>	+	- x x x x	s p -	96	summer fall	prairie savanna	AG, PN
forb	coneflower, purple	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	+	- x x x -	s p -	30	summer		AG, PM, PN
forb	coneflower, yellow	<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	+	- - x x -	s p -	48	summer	prairie savanna up forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	coreopsis or tickseed, tall	<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>		- x x x -	s p -	72	summer	prairie savanna	AG
forb	Culver's root	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	+	x x x - -	s p -	48	summer	prairie savanna up forest low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	cup plant	<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>		- x x - -	s p -	72	summer fall	prairie up forest low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	Dutchman's breeches	<i>Dicentra cucullaria</i>	+	- x x - -	- - d	8	spring	up forest low forest	PM
forb	false aster	<i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	+ rhizome	x x x - -	s p -	36	summer fall	prairie savanna	PN
forb	false Solomon's seal	<i>Smilacina racemosa</i>	+ rhizome	- x x x x	s p d	24	spring summer	prairie savanna up forest low forest	PM, PN
forb	false Solomon's seal, starry	<i>Smilacina stellata</i>	+ rhizome	- x x x x	s p d	16	spring	prairie savanna up forest low forest	PM, PN
forb	false sunflower	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	aggressive	- x x x -	s p -	48	summer	prairie savanna up forest	AG, PN
forb	feverfew, wild quinine	<i>Parthenium integrifolium</i>	+	- - x x -	s - -	30	summer	prairie	AG, PM, PN

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forb	garlic, meadow or wild	<i>Allium canadense</i>		- x x x x	s p d	15	spring summer	prairie up forest	PM
forb	geranium, wild	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	+	- x x x x	s p d	18	spring summer	prairie savanna up forest low forest	PM, PN
forb	ginger, wild	<i>Asarum canadense</i>	+ rhizome	- x x x -	- p d	8	spring	up forest low forest	PM, PN
forb	glade mallow	<i>Napaea dioica</i>	+	- x x - -	s p -	60	summer	prairie	AG
forb	golden Alexanders	<i>Zizia aurea</i>	+	x x x - -	s p -	24	spring	prairie savanna up forest	AG, PN
forb	golden Alexanders, heart-leaved	<i>Zizia aptera</i>	+	- x x x -	s p -	24	spring summer	prairie savanna	AG, PM, PN
forb	goldenrod, grass-leaved	<i>Euthamia graminifolia</i>	aggr, rhiz	x x x x x	s p -	24	summer fall	prairie savanna	
forb	goldenrod, Ohio	<i>Solidago ohioensis</i>	+	x x x - -	- p -	30	summer fall	prairie	AG, PN
forb	goldenrod, Riddell's	<i>Solidago riddellii</i>	+ alkaline	x x x - -	- p -	30	summer fall	prairie	AG
forb	goldenrod, stiff	<i>Solidago rigida</i>	+	- x x x x	s p -	48	summer fall	prairie savanna up forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	goldenrod, zigzag	<i>Solidago flexicaulis</i>	aggressive	- - x - -	s p -	24	summer fall	savanna up forest	AG, PN
forb	hyacinth, wild	<i>Camassia scilloides</i>	+	- x x - -	s p -	18	spring summer	prairie savanna	PM
forb	hyssop, lavender	<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	+	- x x - -	s p d	36	summer fall		boreal for AG, PM, PN
forb	hyssop, purple	<i>Agastache scrophulariaefolia</i>	aggressive	- x x x -	s p -	12		up forest	AG
forb	Indigo, white wild	<i>Baptisia alba (B. leucantha)</i>	+	- x x x x	s p -	42	summer	prairie savanna	AG, PM
forb	iris, blue flag	<i>Iris virginica</i>	+ rhizome	x x - - -	s p -	30	summer	prairie low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	iris, wild	<i>Iris versicolor</i>	+ rhizome	x x x - -	s p -	24	summer		sedge mdw PM, PN
forb	ironweed	<i>Vernonia fasciculata</i>	+	- x x - -	s p -	48	summer fall	prairie	AG, PM, PN
forb	Jack-in-the-pulpit	<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	+	- x x - -	- p d	24	spring	savanna up forest low forest	PM, PN
forb	Jacob's ladder	<i>Polemonium reptans</i>	+	- x x x -	s p d	15	spring	prairie up forest low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	Joe Pye weed, purple	<i>Eupatorium purpureum</i>	+ aromatic	- x x x -	s p d	60	summer fall	up forest low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	Joe Pye weed, spotted	<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>		x x x x -	s p -	48	summer	prairie up forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	lily, Michigan or Turk's cap	<i>Lilium michiganense</i>	+	- x x - -	s p -	60	summer	prairie savanna low forest	PM
forb	lobelia, great blue	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	+	x x x - -	s p -	36	summer fall	prairie	AG, PM, PN
forb	loosestrife, fringed	<i>Lysimachia ciliata</i>	+ rhizome	- x x - -	s p d	30	summer	prairie savanna up forest low forest	PM
forb	loosestrife, winged	<i>Lythrum alatum</i>	+ rhizome	x x - - -	s - -	24	summer	prairie	PM
forb	marsh-marigold	<i>Caltha palustris</i>	+	x x - - -	s p d	18	spring	prairie low forest	PM
forb	meadow rue, early	<i>Thalictrum dioicum</i>	+	- x x x -	- p d	18	spring	savanna up forest low forest	PM, PN
forb	meadow rue, tall	<i>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i>	+	x x x - -	s p -	60	summer	prairie savanna up forest low forest	AG, PM
forb	milkweed, butterfly	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	+	- - x x x	s p -	18	summer	prairie savanna	AG, PM, PN
forb	milkweed, swamp	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	+	x x x - -	s - -	48	summer	prairie	AG, PM, PN
forb	monkey flower	<i>Mimulus ringens</i>	+	x x - - -	s p -	24	summer	prairie	AG, PM, PN
forb	mountain mint, Virginia	<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>	+ rhizome	x x x - -	s p -	30	summer	prairie savanna	AG, PM
forb	obedience plant	<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	+ rhiz	x x x - -	s - -	30	summer fall	prairie low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	onion, nodding wild	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	+	- x x x -	s p -	15	summer	prairie savanna	AG, PM, PN
forb	onion, prairie	<i>Allium stellatum</i>	+	- - x x x	s p -	15	summer	prairie	PM
forb	phlox, downy or prairie	<i>Phlox pilosa</i>	+	- x x x x	s p -	18	spring summer	prairie savanna	PM, PN
forb	phlox, smooth	<i>Phlox glaberrima</i>	+	- x x - -	s p -	24	summer	prairie	PM
forb	phlox, wild blue	<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	+ rhizome	- x x x -	s p d	18	spring summer	up forest low forest	PM
forb	plantain, great Indian	<i>Arnoglossum reniforme</i>	+	- x x - -	s p -	60	summer	savanna	PM
forb	plantain, pale Indian	<i>Arnoglossum atriplicifolium</i>		- x x x x	s p -	84	summer fall	prairie up forest	AG, PN
forb	plantain, prairie Indian	<i>Arnoglossum plantagineum</i>		- x x - -	s - -	48	summer	prairie savanna	PM
forb	plantain, sweet Indian	<i>Hasteola suaveolens</i>	+	x x - - -	s p -	48	summer	prairie	AG, PM
forb	prairie dock	<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>	+	- x x x -	s p -	96	summer fall	prairie savanna	AG, PM, PN

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forb	Queen of the prairie	<i>Filipendula rubra</i>	+ rhizome	x x x - -	s - -	48	summer	prairie	PM, PN
forb	rattlesnake master	<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	+	- x x x -	s - -	48	summer fall	prairie savanna	AG, PM, PN
forb	rosinweed	<i>Silphium integrifolium</i>		- x x x x	s - -	60	summer fall	prairie savanna	AG, PM, PN
forb	senna, wild	<i>Senna hebecarpa</i>	+	x x x - -	s p -	60	summer	low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	shooting-star	<i>Dodecatheon meadia</i>	+	- x x x -	s p -	15	spring summer	prairie savanna up forest	PM, PN
forb	skullcap	<i>Scutellaria lateriflora</i>	rhizome	x x - - -	s p -	24	summer fall	up forest low forest	
forb	sneezeweed	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>		x x x - -	s p -	48	summer fall	prairie low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	Solomon's seal	<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	+	- x x x -	s p -	24	spring	prairie savanna up forest low forest	
forb	spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia bracteata</i>	+ rhizome	- x x x x	s p -	12	summer	prairie savanna up forest	PM, PN
forb	spring-beauty	<i>Claytonia virginica</i>	+	x x x - -	- - d	60	spring	up forest low forest	PM
forb	St. John's wort, great	<i>Hypericum pyramidatum</i>	+	- x x - -	s p -	60	summer	sedge mdw	AG, PM
forb	starry campion	<i>Silene stellata</i>		- x x x -	s p -	18	summer fall	prairie savanna up forest	AG, PM
forb	swamp saxifrage	<i>Saxifraga pennsylvanica</i>	+	x x - - -	s p d	24	spring	prairie savanna low forest	PM
forb	tick-trefoil, Canada	<i>Desmodium canadense</i>		- x x x -	s p -	48	summer	prairie savanna up forest	PN
forb	toothwort, cut-leaved	<i>Cardamine concatenata</i>		- x x x -	- - d	8	spring	up forest low forest	
forb	turtlehead	<i>Chelone glabra</i>	+	x x - - -	s - -	24	summer fall	prairie low forest	PM, PN
forb	valerian	<i>Valeriana edulis</i>		- x - - -	s p -	30	spring summer	prairie	PM
forb	violet, white Canada	<i>Viola canadensis</i>	aggressive	x x - - -	- - d	12	spring summer	up forest low forest	
forb	Virginia bluebell	<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	+	- x x - -	s p -	18	spring	low forest	PM
forb	wood mint, downy	<i>Blephilia ciliata</i>	+	- - x x x	s p -	24	summer	prairie	AG
forb	wood mint, hairy	<i>Blephilia hirsuta</i>		- x x - -	s p -	30	summer	up forest low forest	AG
fern	lady fern	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	+	x x x - -	- p d	18	-	savanna up forest low forest	PM
fern	maidenhair fern	<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	+	x x x - -	s p d	42	-	up forest low forest	PM
fern	ostrich fern	<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i>	rhizome	x x x - -	s p d	36		up forest low forest	PM
fern	sensitive fern	<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	+ rhizome	x x - - -	s p d	30		prairie up forest low forest	PM
grass	blue-joint grass	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>	aggr, rhiz	x x x - -	s p -	48	-	prairie savanna low forest	AG, PN
grass	bluestem, big	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	+	- x x x x	s - -	72	-	prairie savanna up forest low forest	AG, PM, PN
grass	bluestem, little	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>		- - x x x	s - -	30	-	prairie savanna up forest	AG, PM, PN
grass	brome, fringed	<i>Bromus ciliatus</i>		- x - - -	s p -	36	-	prairie	AG
grass	brome, prairie	<i>Bromus kalmii</i>		x x x - -	s p -	16	-	prairie savanna up forest	AG
grass	manna grass, fowl	<i>Glyceria striata</i>		x x x - -	s p -	42	-	prairie low forest	AG, PN
grass	manna grass, reed	<i>Glyceria grandis</i>		x x - - -	s - -	60	-	emergent	AG
grass	northern sweet grass	<i>Hierochloa hirta</i>	aggr, rhiz	x x x - -	s p -	24		savanna low forest	
grass	prairie cord grass	<i>Spartina pectinata</i>	aggr, rhiz	x x x - -	s - -	84	-	prairie low forest	AG, PM, PN
grass	prairie dropseed	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	+	- x x x x	s p -	30	-	prairie savanna	AG, PM, PN
grass	rattlesnake grass	<i>Glyceria canadensis</i>		x x - - -	s p -	36	-	low forest sedge mdw	AG
grass	switch grass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	+	- x x x x	s p -	54	-	prairie savanna low forest	AG, PM, PN
grass	wild rye	<i>Elymus riparius</i>		- x x - -	s p -	36		low forest	
grass	wild rye, Canada	<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	+	- x x x -	s p -	54	-	prairie savanna up forest low forest	AG, PN
grass	wild rye, silky	<i>Elymus villosus</i>	+	- x x x -	s p -	36	-	savanna up forest	AG
grass	wild rye, Virginia	<i>Elymus virginicus</i>		- x x - -	s p d	48	-	prairie low forest	AG, PN
grass	wood reed	<i>Cinna arundinacea</i>		x x x - -	s p -	42	-	low forest	AG
rush	soft rush	<i>Juncus effusus</i>		x x x - -	s - -	36		low forest emergent	PM
rush	Torrey's rush	<i>Juncus torreyi</i>	+ rhizome	- x x - -	s - -	24		emergent	PM

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sedge	Bebb's sedge	<i>Carex bebbii</i>		- x x - -	s - -	24		low forest	
sedge	bottlebrush sedge	<i>Carex hystericina</i>	+	x x - - -	s - -	24	-	low forest	AG, PM
sedge	bristly sedge	<i>Carex comosa</i>	+	x x - - -	s - -	18	-	low forest	AG
sedge	brown fox sedge	<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>		x x x - -	s p -	24	-	prairie low forest	AG
sedge	bur sedge	<i>Carex grayi</i>	+	x x x - -	s p d	30	-	low forest	PM
sedge	dark green bulrush	<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>	+	x x - - -	s - -	48		sedge mdw	AG, PM
sedge	fox sedge	<i>Carex stipata</i>		x x - - -	s p d	30	-	low forest	AG
sedge	fringed sedge	<i>Carex crinita</i>		x x - - -	s p d	42		low forest	
sedge	long-beaked sedge	<i>Carex sprengelii</i>		- x x x -	s p d	12	-	up forest low forest	AG
sedge	pointed broom sedge	<i>Carex scoparia</i>	+	x x x - -	s - -	18		low forest	
sedge	tussock sedge	<i>Carex stricta</i>		x x - - -	s p -	30	-	low forest	AG
sedge	Wool grass	<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i>	+	x x - - -	s - -	48	-	low forest sedge mdw	AG
shrub	American cranberry	<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	+	x x x - -	s p d	10	spring	low forest	PM
shrub	arrowwood, downy	<i>Viburnum rafinesquianum</i>	+	- x x x -	- p d	4	spring	up forest low forest	PM
shrub	arrowwood, maple-leaf	<i>Viburnum acerifolium</i>	+	- x x x x	- p d	4	spring summer	up forest low forest	PM
shrub	chokeberry, black	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	rhizome	x x x x -	s p -	5	spring	prairie savanna	PM
shrub	dogwood, pagoda	<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	+	x x x - -	- p d	20	spring summer	savanna up forest low forest	PM
shrub	elderberry	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	rhizome	- x x x -	s p d	6	summer	up forest low forest sedge mdw	PM
shrub	false indigo	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>		- x x x -	s p -	1	summer	savanna	PM
shrub	hazelnut, American	<i>Corylus americana</i>	rhizome	- x x x -	s p -	6	spring	prairie savanna up forest low forest	PM
shrub	nannyberry	<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	+	x x x - -	s p d	15	spring	up forest low forest	PM
shrub	pussy willow	<i>Salix discolor</i>	+	x x x - -	s p d	20	spring	sedge mdw	PM
shrub	serviceberry, Allegheny	<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	+	x x x x x	s p -	25	spring	low forest	PM
shrub	witchhazel	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	+	- x x x -	- p d	15	x fall	up forest	PM