

## Wisconsin Rain Garden Plants – BY HEIGHT – p. 1

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forb	<i>Asarum canadense</i>	wild ginger	+ rhizome	- x x x -	- p d	8	spring	up forest low forest	PM, PN
forb	<i>Cardamine concatenata</i>	cut-leaved toothwort		- x x x -	- - d	8	spring	up forest low forest	
forb	<i>Dicentra cucullaria</i>	Dutchman's breeches	+	- x x - -	- - d	8	spring	up forest low forest	PM
forb	<i>Agastache scrophulariaefolia</i>	purple hyssop	aggressive	- x x x -	s p -	12		up forest	AG
forb	<i>Aster linariifolius</i>	flax-leaved aster, stiff aster		- x x x -	s p d	12	x fall	prairie savanna	PM
forb	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	bluebell, harebell	+	- x x x -	s p -	12	summer	prairie savanna up forest	PM, PN
forb	<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>	bottle gentian	+	x x x - -	s p -	12	summer fall	prairie savanna	PM, PN
forb	<i>Tradescantia bracteata</i>	spiderwort	+ rhizome	- x x x x	s p -	12	summer	prairie savanna up forest	PM, PN
forb	<i>Viola canadensis</i>	Canadian white violet	aggressive	x x - - -	- - d	12	spring summer	up forest low forest	
forb	<i>Allium canadense</i>	meadow garlic, wild garlic		- x x x x	s p d	15	spring summer	prairie up forest	PM
forb	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	nodding wild onion	+	- x x x -	s p -	15	summer	prairie savanna	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Allium stellatum</i>	prairie onion, wild onion	+	- - x x x	s p -	15	summer	prairie	PM
forb	<i>Dodecatheon meadia</i>	shooting-star	+	- x x x -	s p -	15	spring summer	prairie savanna up forest	PM, PN
forb	<i>Polemonium reptans</i>	Jacob's ladder	+	- x x x -	s p d	15	spring	prairie up forest low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Smilacina stellata</i>	starry false Solomon's seal	+ rhizome	- x x x x	s p d	16	spring	prairie savanna up forest low forest	PM, PN
forb	<i>Anemone canadensis</i>	Canada anemone	rhizome	- x x - -	s p -	18	spring summer	prairie up forest low forest	PN
forb	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	butterfly milkweed	+	- - x x x	s p -	18	summer	prairie savanna	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Caltha palustris</i>	marsh-marigold	+	x x - - -	s p d	18	spring	prairie low forest	PM
forb	<i>Camassia scilloides</i>	wild hyacinth	+	- x x - -	s p -	18	spring summer	prairie savanna	PM
forb	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	wild geranium	+	- x x x x	s p d	18	spring summer	prairie savanna up forest low forest	PM, PN
forb	<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Virginia bluebell	+	- x x - -	s p -	18	spring	low forest	PM
forb	<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	wild blue phlox	+ rhizome	- x x x -	s p d	18	spring summer	up forest low forest	PM
forb	<i>Phlox pilosa</i>	downy phlox, prairie phlox	+	- x x x x	s p -	18	spring summer	prairie savanna	PM, PN
forb	<i>Silene stellata</i>	starry campion		- x x x -	s p -	18	summer fall	prairie savanna up forest	AG, PM
forb	<i>Thalictrum dioicum</i>	early meadow-rue	+	- x x x -	- p d	18	spring	savanna up forest low forest	PM, PN
forb	<i>Actaea rubra</i>	red baneberry	+ poison	x x x - -	- p d	24	spring	savanna up forest low forest	PM, PN
forb	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	columbine		- - x x x	s p d	24	spring	prairie savanna up forest low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	Jack-in-the-pulpit	+	- x x - -	- p d	24	spring	savanna up forest low forest	PM, PN
forb	<i>Aster ericoides</i>	heath aster	+	- - x x x	s p -	24	summer fall	prairie savanna	AG, PN
forb	<i>Aster lateriflorus</i>	calico aster		- x x x -	s p d	24	summer fall	up forest low forest	PN
forb	<i>Blephilia ciliata</i>	downy wood mint	+	- - x x x	s p -	24	summer	prairie	AG
forb	<i>Caulophyllum thalictroides</i>	blue cohosh		- x x - -	- p d	24	spring	up forest low forest	PM
forb	<i>Chelone glabra</i>	turtlehead	+	x x - - -	s - -	24	summer fall	prairie low forest	PM, PN
forb	<i>Dalea purpurea</i>	purple prairie clover		- - x x x	s - -	24	summer	prairie savanna up forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Diarrhena obovata</i>	beak grass	+	- x x x -	- p d	24	-	low forest	AG, PM
forb	<i>Euthamia graminifolia</i>	grass-leaved goldenrod	aggr, rhiz	x x x x x	s p -	24	summer fall	prairie savanna	
forb	<i>Iris versicolor</i>	wild iris	+ rhizome	x x x - -	s p -	24	summer	sedg mdw	PM, PN
forb	<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	prairie blazing star, gay feather	+	x x x - -	s p -	24	summer	prairie savanna	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Lythrum alatum</i>	winged loosestrife	+ rhizome	x x - - -	s - -	24	summer	prairie	PM
forb	<i>Mimulus ringens</i>	monkey flower	+	x x - - -	s p -	24	summer	prairie	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Phlox glaberrima</i>	smooth phlox	+	- x x - -	s p -	24	summer	prairie	PM
forb	<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	Solomon's seal	+	- x x x -	s p -	24	spring	prairie savanna up forest low forest	
forb	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	black-eyed Susan	+ biennial	- x x x x	s p -	24	summer fall	prairie savanna up forest	AG, PN
forb	<i>Saxifraga pennsylvanica</i>	swamp saxifrage	+	x x - - -	s p d	24	spring	prairie savanna low forest	PM

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forb	<i>Scutellaria lateriflora</i>	skullcap		rhizome	x x - - -	s p -	24	summer fall	up forest low forest
forb	<i>Smilacina racemosa</i>	false Solomon's seal	+	rhizome	- x x x x	s p d	24	spring summer	prairie savanna up forest low forest
forb	<i>Solidago flexicaulis</i>	zigzag goldenrod		aggressive	- - x - -	s p -	24	summer fall	savanna up forest
forb	<i>Zizia aptera</i>	heart-leaved golden Alexanders	+		- x x x -	s p -	24	spring summer	prairie savanna
forb	<i>Zizia aurea</i>	golden Alexanders	+		x x x - -	s p -	24	spring	prairie savanna up forest
forb	<i>Aster dumosus</i>	rice button aster			- x x x x	s - -	30	x fall	prairie
forb	<i>Aster furcatus</i>	forked aster	+	rhizome	x x x x -	- p d	30	x fall	savanna up forest low forest
forb	<i>Blephilia hirsuta</i>	hairy wood mint			- x x - -	s p -	30	summer	up forest low forest
forb	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	purple coneflower	+		- x x x -	s p -	30	summer	
forb	<i>Iris virginica</i>	blue flag iris	+	rhizome	x x - - -	s p -	30	summer	prairie low forest
forb	<i>Lysimachia ciliata</i>	fringed loosestrife	+	rhizome	- x x - -	s p d	30	summer	prairie savanna up forest low forest
forb	<i>Parthenium integrifolium</i>	feverfew, wild quinine	+		- - x x -	s - -	30	summer	prairie
forb	<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	obedience plant	+	rhiz	x x x - -	s - -	30	summer fall	prairie low forest
forb	<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>	Virginia mountain mint	+	rhizome	x x x - -	s p -	30	summer	prairie savanna
forb	<i>Solidago ohioensis</i>	Ohio goldenrod	+		x x x - -	- p -	30	summer fall	prairie
forb	<i>Solidago riddellii</i>	Riddell's goldenrod	+	alkaline	x x x - -	- p -	30	summer fall	prairie
forb	<i>Valeriana edulis</i>	valerian			- x - - -	s p -	30	spring summer	prairie
forb	<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	lavender hyssop	+		- x x - -	s p d	36	summer fall	boreal for
forb	<i>Aster macrophyllus</i>	big-leaved aster			- x x x x	s p d	36	summer fall	up forest low forest
forb	<i>Aster umbellatus</i>	flat-top aster		rhizome	x x x - -	s p -	36	summer fall	prairie
forb	<i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	False aster	+	rhizome	x x x - -	s p -	36	summer fall	prairie savanna
forb	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	boneset			x x x - -	s p -	36	summer fall	prairie savanna low forest
forb	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	cardinal flower	+		x x - - -	s p -	36	summer fall	low forest
forb	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	great blue lobelia	+		x x x - -	s p -	36	summer fall	prairie
forb	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	white beard tongue	+		- x x - -	s p d	36	summer	prairie
forb	<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>	brown-eyed Susan	+	short-lived	- x x x -	s p -	36	summer fall	up forest
forb	<i>Baptisia alba (B. leucantha)</i>	white wild indigo	+		- x x x x	s p -	42	summer	prairie savanna
forb	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	bee balm, bergamot	+		x x x x x	s p -	42	summer	prairie savanna up forest
forb	<i>Rudbeckia subtomentosa</i>	sweet black-eyed Susan	+	long-lived	x x x - -	s p -	42	summer fall	prairie savanna
forb	<i>Arnoglossum plantagineum</i>	prairie Indian plantain			- x x - -	s - -	48	summer	prairie savanna
forb	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	swamp milkweed	+		x x x - -	s - -	48	summer	prairie
forb	<i>Aster laevis</i>	smooth blue aster	+		- x x x -	s p -	48	summer fall	prairie savanna up forest
forb	<i>Aster lanceolatus</i>	panicled aster			x x x - -	- p d	48	summer fall	prairie up forest low forest
forb	<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	New England aster	+		x x x x -	s p -	48	summer fall	prairie savanna
forb	<i>Aster puniceus</i>	bristly aster		alkaline	x x - - -	s p -	48	summer fall	low forest
forb	<i>Campanula americana</i>	bellflower	+	biennial	- x x x -	s p -	48	summer fall	savanna up forest
forb	<i>Desmodium canadense</i>	Canada tick-trefoil			- x x x -	s p -	48	summer	prairie savanna up forest
forb	<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	rattlesnake master	+		- x x x -	s - -	48	summer fall	prairie savanna
forb	<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>	spotted Joe Pye weed			x x x x -	s p -	48	summer	prairie up forest
forb	<i>Filipendula rubra</i>	Queen of the prairie	+	rhizome	x x x - -	s - -	48	summer	prairie
forb	<i>Hasteola suaveolens</i>	sweet Indian plantain	+		x x - - -	s p -	48	summer	prairie
forb	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	sneezeweed			x x x - -	s p -	48	summer fall	prairie low forest
forb	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	false sunflower		aggressive	- x x x -	s p -	48	summer	prairie savanna up forest
forb	<i>Liatris ligulistylis</i>	blazing star	+		- x x - -	s p -	48	summer fall	prairie

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forb	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	marsh blazing star	+	x x x - -	s p -	48	summer	prairie savanna	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	yellow coneflower	+	- - x x -	s p -	48	summer	prairie savanna up forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Solidago rigida</i>	stiff goldenrod	+	- x x x x	s p -	48	summer fall	prairie savanna up forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Verbena hastata</i>	blue vervain		x x x - -	s - -	48	summer	prairie	AG, PN
forb	<i>Vernonia fasciculata</i>	ironweed	+	- x x - -	s p -	48	summer fall	prairie	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's root	+	x x x - -	s p -	48	summer	prairie savanna up forest low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Arnoglossum reniforme</i>	great Indian plantain	+	- x x - -	s p -	60	summer	savanna	PM
forb	<i>Claytonia virginica</i>	spring-beauty	+	x x x - -	- - d	60	spring	up forest low forest	PM
forb	<i>Eupatorium purpureum</i>	purple Joe Pye weed	+ aromatic	- x x x -	s p d	60	summer fall	up forest low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Hypericum pyramidatum</i>	Great St. John's wort	+	- x x - -	s p -	60	summer	sedge mdw	AG, PM
forb	<i>Lilium michiganense</i>	Michigan lily, Turk's cap lily	+	- x x - -	s p -	60	summer	prairie savanna low forest	PM
forb	<i>Napaea dioica</i>	glade mallow	+	- x x - -	s p -	60	summer	prairie	AG
forb	<i>Senna hebecarpa</i>	wild senna	+	x x x - -	s p -	60	summer	low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Silphium integrifolium</i>	rosinweed		- x x x x	s - -	60	summer fall	prairie savanna	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i>	tall meadow-rue	+	x x x - -	s p -	60	summer	prairie savanna up forest low forest	AG, PM
forb	<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	tall coreopsis, tall tickseed		- x x x -	s p -	72	summer	prairie savanna	AG
forb	<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	cup plant		- x x - -	s p -	72	summer fall	prairie up forest low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Angelica atropurpurea</i>	great angelica	alkaline	x x x - -	s p -	84	spring summer	prairie up forest low forest	PM
forb	<i>Arnoglossum atriplicifolium</i>	pale Indian plantain		- x x x x	s p -	84	summer fall	prairie up forest	AG, PN
forb	<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>	compass plant	+	- x x x x	s p -	96	summer fall	prairie savanna	AG, PN
forb	<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>	prairie dock	+	- x x x -	s p -	96	summer fall	prairie savanna	AG, PM, PN
fern	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	lady fern	+	x x x - -	- p d	18	-	savanna up forest low forest	PM
fern	<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	sensitive fern	+ rhizome	x x - - -	s p d	30		prairie up forest low forest	PM
fern	<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i>	ostrich fern	rhizome	x x x - -	s p d	36		up forest low forest	PM
fern	<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	maidenhair fern	+	x x x - -	s p d	42	-	up forest low forest	PM
grass	<i>Bromus kalmii</i>	prairie brome		x x x - -	s p -	16	-	prairie savanna up forest	AG
grass	<i>Hierochloa hirta</i>	northern sweet grass	aggr, rhiz	x x x - -	s p -	24		savanna low forest	
grass	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	little bluestem		- - x x x	s - -	30	-	prairie savanna up forest	AG, PM, PN
grass	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	prairie dropseed	+	- x x x x	s p -	30	-	prairie savanna	AG, PM, PN
grass	<i>Bromus ciliatus</i>	fringed brome		- x - - -	s p -	36	-	prairie	AG
grass	<i>Elymus riparius</i>	wild rye		- x x - -	s p -	36		low forest	
grass	<i>Elymus villosus</i>	silky wild rye	+	- x x x -	s p -	36	-	savanna up forest	AG
grass	<i>Glyceria canadensis</i>	rattlesnake grass		x x - - -	s p -	36	-	low forest sedge mdw	AG
grass	<i>Cinna arundinacea</i>	wood reed		x x x - -	s p -	42	-	low forest	AG
grass	<i>Glyceria striata</i>	fowl manna grass		x x x - -	s p -	42	-	prairie low forest	AG, PN
grass	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>	blue-joint grass	aggr, rhiz	x x x - -	s p -	48	-	prairie savanna low forest	AG, PN
grass	<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	Virginia wild rye		- x x - -	s p d	48	-	prairie low forest	AG, PN
grass	<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	Canada wild rye	+	- x x x -	s p -	54	-	prairie savanna up forest low forest	AG, PN
grass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	switch grass	+	- x x x x	s p -	54	-	prairie savanna low forest	AG, PM, PN
grass	<i>Glyceria grandis</i>	reed manna grass		x x - - -	s - -	60	-	emergent	AG
grass	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	big bluestem	+	- x x x x	s - -	72	-	prairie savanna up forest low forest	AG, PM, PN
grass	<i>Spartina pectinata</i>	prairie cord grass	aggr, rhiz	x x x - -	s - -	84	-	prairie low forest	AG, PM, PN
rush	<i>Juncus torreyi</i>	Torrey's rush	+ rhizome	- x x - -	s - -	24		emergent	PM
rush	<i>Juncus effusus</i>	soft rush		x x x - -	s - -	36		low forest emergent	PM

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