

## Wisconsin Rain Garden Plants – LOWLAND FOREST PLANTS – p. 1

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Type	Name	Common Name	Comment	Moisture	Sun	Ht	Bloom	Habitat	Sold by
forb	<i>Actaea rubra</i>	red baneberry	+ poison	x x x - -	- p d	24	spring	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>Angelica atropurpurea</i>	great angelica	alkaline	x x x - -	s p -	84	spring summer	prairie up forest low forest	PM
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>Asarum canadense</i>	wild ginger	+ rhizome	- x x x -	- p d	8	spring	up forest low forest	PM, PN
forb	<i>Aster furcatus</i>	forked aster	+ rhizome	x x x x -	- p d	30	x fall	savanna up forest low forest	PM
forb	<i>Aster lanceolatus</i>	panicled aster		x x x - -	- p d	48	summer fall	prairie up forest low forest	
forb	<i>Aster lateriflorus</i>	calico aster		- x x x -	s p d	24	summer fall	up forest low forest	PN
forb	<i>Aster macrophyllum</i>	big-leaved aster		- x x x x	s p d	36	summer fall	up forest low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Aster puniceus</i>	bristly aster	alkaline	x x - - -	s p -	48	summer fall	low forest	
forb	<i>Blephilia hirsuta</i>	hairy wood mint		- x x - -	s p -	30	summer	up forest low forest	AG
forb	<i>Caltha palustris</i>	marsh-marigold	+	x x - - -	s p d	18	spring	prairie low forest	PM
forb	<i>Cardamine concatenata</i>	cut-leaved toothwort		- x x x -	- - d	8	spring	up forest low forest	
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>Claytonia virginica</i>	spring-beauty	+	x x x - -	- - d	60	spring	up forest low forest	PM
forb	<i>Diarrhena obovata</i>	beak grass	+	- x x x -	- p d	24	-	low forest	AG, PM
forb	<i>Dicentra cucullaria</i>	Dutchman's breeches	+	- x x - -	- - d	8	spring	up forest low forest	PM
forb	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	boneset		x x x - -	s p -	36	summer fall	prairie savanna low forest	AG, PM, PN
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>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>Helenium autumnale</i>	sneezeweed		x x x - -	s p -	48	summer fall	prairie low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Iris virginica</i>	blue flag iris	+ rhizome	x x - - -	s p -	30	summer	prairie low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Lilium michiganense</i>	Michigan lily, Turk's cap lily	+	- x x - -	s p -	60	summer	prairie savanna low forest	PM
forb	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	cardinal flower	+	x x - - -	s p -	36	summer fall	low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Lysimachia ciliata</i>	fringed loosestrife	+ rhizome	- x x - -	s p d	30	summer	prairie savanna up forest low forest	PM
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>Physostegia virginiana</i>	obedience plant	+ rhiz	x x x - -	s - -	30	summer fall	prairie low forest	AG, 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>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	Solomon's seal	+	- x x x -	s p -	24	spring	prairie savanna up forest low forest	
forb	<i>Saxifraga pensylvanica</i>	swamp saxifrage	+	x x - - -	s p d	24	spring	prairie savanna low forest	PM
forb	<i>Scutellaria lateriflora</i>	skullcap	rhizome	x x - - -	s p -	24	summer fall	up forest low forest	
forb	<i>Senna hebecarpa</i>	wild senna	+	x x x - -	s p -	60	summer	low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	cup plant		- x x - -	s p -	72	summer fall	prairie up forest low forest	AG, PM, PN
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	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>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i>	tall meadow-rue	+	x x x - -	s p -	60	summer	prairie savanna up forest low 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>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's root	+	x x x - -	s p -	48	summer	prairie savanna up forest low forest	AG, PM, PN
forb	<i>Viola canadensis</i>	Canadian white violet	aggressive	x x - - -	- - d	12	spring summer	up forest low forest	
fern	<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	maidenhair fern	+	x x x - -	s p d	42	-	up forest low forest	PM
fern	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	lady fern	+	x x x - -	- p d	18	-	savanna up forest low forest	PM

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fern	<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i>	ostrich fern	rhizome	x x x - -	s p d	36		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
grass	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	big bluestem	+	- x x x x	s - -	72 -		prairie savanna up forest low forest	AG, PM, 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>Cinna arundinacea</i>	wood reed		x x x - -	s p -	42 -		low forest	AG
grass	<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	Canada wild rye	+	- x x x -	s p -	54 -		prairie savanna up forest low forest	AG, PN
grass	<i>Elymus riparius</i>	wild rye		- x x - -	s p -	36		low forest	
grass	<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	Virginia wild rye		- x x - -	s p d	48 -		prairie low forest	AG, PN
grass	<i>Glyceria canadensis</i>	rattlesnake grass		x x - - -	s p -	36 -		low forest sedge mdw	AG
grass	<i>Glyceria striata</i>	fowl manna grass		x x x - -	s p -	42 -		prairie low forest	AG, PN
grass	<i>Hierochloa hirta</i>	northern sweet grass	aggr, rhiz	x x x - -	s p -	24		savanna low forest	
grass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	switch grass	+	- x x x x	s p -	54 -		prairie savanna 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 effusus</i>	soft rush		x x x - -	s - -	36		low forest emergent	PM
sedge	<i>Carex bebbii</i>	Bebb's sedge		- x x - -	s - -	24		low forest	
sedge	<i>Carex comosa</i>	bristly sedge	+	x x - - -	s - -	18 -		low forest	AG
sedge	<i>Carex crinita</i>	fringed sedge		x x - - -	s p d	42		low forest	
sedge	<i>Carex grayi</i>	bur sedge	+	x x x - -	s p d	30 -		low forest	PM
sedge	<i>Carex hystericina</i>	bottlebrush sedge	+	x x - - -	s - -	24 -		low forest	AG, PM
sedge	<i>Carex scoparia</i>	pointed broom sedge	+	x x x - -	s - -	18		low forest	
sedge	<i>Carex sprengei</i>	long-beaked sedge		- x x x -	s p d	12 -		up forest low forest	AG
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 vulpinoidea</i>	brown fox sedge		x x x - -	s p -	24 -		prairie low forest	AG
sedge	<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i>	Wool grass	+	x x - - -	s - -	48 -		low forest sedge mdw	AG
shrub	<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	Allegheny serviceberry	+	x x x x x	s p -	25	spring	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>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 acerifolium</i>	maple-leaf arrowwood	+	- x x x x	- p d	4	spring summer	up forest low forest	PM
shrub	<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	nannyberry	+	x x x - -	s p d	15	spring	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>Viburnum trilobum</i>	American cranberry	+	x x x - -	s p d	10	spring	low forest	PM