

3322 SOUTH RIDGE ROAD PO BOX 343 PERRY, OH 44081

Rain Garden Plants

The most important factor in a successful Rain Garden is to match the plants with the conditions present. One needs to know how quickly the soil drains, as well as how much moisture can be expected. Different conditions will call for different plants. Almost anything is possible!

Scientific Name	Height	Interest / Basic Soil Requirements	Native or	Exposure
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Acer rubrum cultivars	20-45'	Selected for fall color and shape. Likes moist soils	yes	sun/partial
Acorus calamus	3-4'	Sword-like foliage. Grows in water or moist soil	yes	sun/partial
Adiantum pedatum	12-24"	Dainty foliage performs best in moist shady soil	yes	partial/shade
Aesculus parviflora	8-12'	Mounded shrub with white flowers. Requires moist, well drained soil	yes	shade/partial/sun
Agastache foeniculum 'Golden Jubilee'	30"	Anise scent, blue flowers. Average to moist soil	no	sun
Alnus cordata	30-50'	Reminiscent of ornamental pear in form and foliage. Home near water	no	partial/sun
Alnus glutinosa and g. 'Imperialis'	30-50'	Fast growing tree excellent for tough sites. Tolerates very wet soil	no	partial/sun
Alnus incana ssp. rugosa	15-25'	Low growing shrub or small tree, grows along streams or wet meadows	yes	sun/partial
Alnus serrulata	6-20'	Small multi-trunked trees form thickets in damp areas	yes	sun/partial
Amelanchier x grandiflora and cvs.	20-30'	White flowers, edible fruit. Tolerant of moist soils	yes	shade/partial
Amelanchier laevis	20-25'	White flowers, edible fruit. Tolerant of moist soils	yes	sun/partial
Amelanchier stolonifera	4-6'	Forms small thicket with many stems. Tolerant of moist soils	yes	sun/partial
Amorpha canescens & fruticosa	2-15'	Lavender flowers. Takes poorly or well drained soils, standing water	yes	sun/partial
Amsonia tabernaemontana and cvs.	36-42"	Blue flowers and willow-like leaves. Adaptable to moist locations	yes	sun/partial
Andropogon gerardii	3-6'	Can take standing water and drought. May grow floppy in excess water	yes	sun/partial
Aquilegia canadensis 'Little Lanterns'	12-18"	Red flowers with yellow centers. Outer edges of wet areas.	yes	sun
Aralia spinosa	10-20'	Interesting characteristics. Prefers a moist to wet soil	yes	shade/partial
Aronia species and cultivars	4-8'	Black or red berries , great fall color. Adaptable to wet soil	yes	sun/partial
Aruncus dioicus	48"	Panicles of creamy flowers. Water's edge	yes	sun/partial/shade
Asclepias incarnata 'Soul Mate'	36"	Deep rose-pink flowers, best in moist soil	yes	sun
Asimina triloba	15-20'	Edible fruit. Naturalize along water's edge	yes	partial
Aster cordifolius	2-3'	Clouds of blue flowers in early fall. Needs well drained, moist soil	yes	partial/shade
Aster novae-angliae cultivars	24-36"	Late blooming, tall. Grows in any moist soil	yes	sun

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12-15"	Long, late bloom time. Needs well drained, moist soil	yes	sun
10-26"	Feathery flowers and fern-like foliage. Requires moist, rich soil	no	partial
2-3'	Fine and delicate appearance. Likes moist soil	yes	partial/full shade
5-8'	Fragrant white or pink flowers. Prefers moist soil	yes	partial/sun
4-5'		yes	sun/partial
60'		yes	sun/partial
8-50'		yes	partial/sun
Vine	Red and yellow flowers in spring. Moist, well drained soil, some flooding	yes	sun/partial
48"			sun/partial
18"	·	no	partial/shade
12-18"	, ,	yes	sun/partial
6-9'			partial/sun
4-24"		no	sun/partial
3-4'	·	ves	partial/sun
8-16"		no	partial/sun
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3-4'			sun/partial
40'			sun/partial
3-6'			sun/partial
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Dryopteris marginalis	18"	Evergreen fronds provide year-round interest. Moist, rich soil	yes	partial/shade
Dryopteris spinulosa		Narrow evergreen fronds appear lacy. Moist soil	yes	partial/shade
Echinacea purpurea cultivars	24-36"	Daisy-like flowers July to early fall. Grows in well-drained soil, wet or dry	yes	sun/shade
Elymus canadensis	2-3'	Quick growing grass adapts to almost any soil. For moist to dry soils	yes	sun/partial
Euonymus atropurpureus	12-24'	Adaptable tree or shrub which tolerates wide range of soils that are well drained	yes	sun/partial
Eupatorium maculatum 'Gateway'	5-6'	Pink cluster flowers. Works on wet edges	yes	sun/partial
Eupatorium rugosum 'Chocolate'	36"	Chocolate leaves, purple stems, white flowers in fall. Moist soils	yes	sun/partial
Filipendula rubra 'Venusta'	4-5'	Large red-pink flower plumes. Moist meadows and bogs	yes	sun/partial
Fothergilla gardenii	3-5'	1-2" Bottlebrush-like flowers. Occasionally moist soil	yes	sun/partial
Glyceria maxima 'Variegata'	2'	Creamy yellow and green foliage. Good through drought and submersion	yes	sun
Hamamelis vernalis and virginiana	15-20'	Yellow ribbon-like flowers. Good in shady, moist locations	yes	partial/shade/sun
Helenium autumnale 'Red Army'	30"	Vivid red flowers. Plant along water's edge, needs ample moisture	yes	sun
Helianthus angustifolium 'Gold Lace'	5'	Gold flowers in fall. Tolerates wet soil	no	sun
Helleborus orientalis	12-15"	Flowers bloom very early spring. Prefers moist to wet soil	no	partial/shade
Hemerocallis species and hybrids	12-36"	Wide variety of flower colors. Adaptable to wide range of conditions	no	sun/partial
Heuchera Hybrids	8-14"	Stunning foliage and small flowers. Prefers moist, well-drained soil	no	partial/sun
Hibiscus moscheutos varieties	3-6'	Many different color flowers available. Wet soil or in water	no	sun
Hosta Hybrids	12-36"	Wide variety of foliage, flowers. Adaptable to wide range of moist soil	no	partial/shade
Hydrangea arborescens cultivars	3-6'	White flowers. Tolerant of moist conditions	yes	sun/partial
Hydrangea quercifolia and cultivars	3-8'	Large flowers and showy foliage, adaptable to most moisture levels	yes	partial/sun
llex glabra cultivars	3-4'	Dense evergreen foliage with persistent fruit. Moist, acidic soil	no	partial/sun
Ilex verticillata and cultivars	6-10'	Deciduous holly with persistent fruit. Native to swampy areas	yes	sun/partial
Iris species and cultivars	18-48"	Wide variety in flower colors. Wet soil to standing water	some	sun/partial
Itea virginica and cultivars	2-5'	Fragrant flowers. Thrives in moist or wet soils.	yes	sun/partial
Juncus species and cultivars	1-3'	Cylindrical upright foliage. Water's edge or standing water	some	sun/partial
Juniperus virginiana & cultivars	10-20'	Upright, color varies with cultivar. Tolerant of drought, poor drainage	yes	sun/partial
Kirengeshoma palmata	36"	Creamy yellow flowers. Prefers damp, organic soil	no	partial/shade
Larix Iaricina	50-70'	A decidious conifer that has golden fall foilage. Wet to moist conditions	yes	sun
Ledum groenlandicum and palustre	2-4'	Small white flowers are aromatic. Likes wet, sandy, bog-like soil.	yes	partial/sun
Liatris spicata	24-36"	Purple flowers. Good in moist to wet soils, tolerates drought	yes	sun
Lindera benzoin	6-8'	Yellow flowers. Thrives in moist, woodsy locations	yes	partial/shade/sun
Liquidambar styraciflua and cultivars	50-60'	Brilliant fall color. Native to floodplain	yes	sun
Lobelia cardinalis	24-28"	Red flowers. Prefers moist soil, will take standing water	yes	partial/shade/sun
Lobelia siphilitica	2-3'	Blue flower spikes. Prefers rich, moist soil	yes	partial/shade/sun
Lonicera c.v.e. cultivars	3-5'	More tolerant of moist conditions than most fruit species. Wetland plant	no	sun
Lysmachia clethroides & terrestris		Both thrive in wetland or raingardens. Prefer moist soils	terrestris	sun/partial
Magnolia virginiana & varieties	15-20'	Slender, upright plant with white flowers. Adaptable to moist soil	yes	sun/partial
Matteuccia pensylvanica	3-5'	Fronds resemble ostrich feathers. Will take moist or wet soil	yes	partial/shade
Meehania cordata	4-8"	Nice groundcover that grows in shade and moist to average soils	yes	partial/shade
Metasequoia glyptostroboides and cvs.	50'	Deciduous needled tree with variety of forms. Thrives in wet ground	no	sun
Mimulus ringens	2'	Delicate blue flowers. Moist, not wet soil	yes	partial
Mitchella repens	2"	Evergreen groundcover. Requires moist, well drained soil	yes	partial/sun
Monarda didyma cultivars	24-48"	Late summer flowers. Moist soil	yes	sun
Myrica pensylvanica	5-12'	Aromatic foliage, grey berries. Found along streams and swamps	yes	partial/sun
Nemopanthus mucronatus	6-10'	Looks somewhat similar to llex verticillata. Likes all but the wettest soils	yes	partial/sun

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Nyssa sylvatica and cultivars	30-50'	Excellent fall color. Tolerant of drought or poor drainage	yes	sun/partial
Onoclea sensibilis	18-24"	Vigorous grower with coarse texture. Moist soil to still water	yes	partial/sun
Osmunda cinnamomea	2-4'	Fertile fronds look like cinnamon sticks. Wet and swampy	yes	partial/shade/sun
Osmunda regalis	2-4'	Graceful and grand fern. Needs a moist area	no	shade/partial
Ostrya virginiana	40'	Hop-like fruit, brown leaves overwinter. Good in drought, tolerates wet	yes	sun/partial/shade
Panicum virgatum and cultivars	4-6'	Fine textured grass, pink flowers and seed heads. Moist soil	yes	sun/partial
Passiflora incarnata	Vine	Exotic flowers, edible fruit. Requires moist, well-drained soil	yes	sun
Penstemon calycosus & d. 'Husker Red'	2-3'	Profuse flowers & the ability to grow in moderate to dry soil recommend this plant	calycosus	sun
Physocarpus opulifolius and cultivars	6-8'	Colored leaves, peeling bark, and flowers. Moist, well drained soil	yes	sun
Physostegia virginiana cultivars	18-24"	White or pink flowers. Good naturalizer for moist soil	yes	sun/partial
Platanus occidentalis		Sycamore is native to lowland areas, typically rivers & flood plains.	yes	sun/partial
Polemonium r. 'Stairway to Heaven'	12"	Variegated foliage, blue flowers. Average to moist soils	yes	sun/partial
Polygonatum biflorum	1-3'	Attractive foliage and pendulous flowers in spring, moist to wet soils	yes	partial/full shade
Polystichum acrostichoides	2-3'	Evergreen, leathery, lance-shaped fronds. Average to moist soils	yes	partial/shade
Pontaderia cordata and c. 'alba'	1-3'	Blue or white flowers. Wet soil or underwater	yes	sun
Primula japonica	12-14"	Tiers of flowers in range of color. Prefers moist soil.	no	partial/shade
Prunus virginiana 'Canada Red'	25'	Nice foliage & flowers. Moist to dry soil that is well aerated and drained	yes	sun
Ptelea trifoliata	10-15'	Small, flowering tree. Likes moist, well drained soil, runoff	yes	partial/sun
Pulmonaria o. 'Sissinghurst White'	12"	Spotted leaves, white spring flowers. Fond of moisture retentive soils	no	partial/shade
Pycnanthemum muticum	2-3"	Silvery foliage and pinkish flowers, wet to moist conditions	yes	sun/partial
Quercus bicolor	40-50'	Distinctive flaky bark. Grows in wet, poorly drained soils	yes	sun
Quercus imbricaria	50-60'	Foliage opens red, then returns to red in fall. Wet to moist conditions	yes	sun
Quercus palustris	60-70'	Fast growing, dense pyramidal tree. Tolerates wet soils	yes	sun
Quercus phellos	40-60'	Fine txtured willow-like foliage. Moist to dry conditions	yes	sun
Quercus robur	40-60'	Vigorous upright to broadly rounded tree. Moist to dry conditions	yes	sun
Rheum palmatum 'Tanguticum'	5'	Huge ruby-red foliage. Best in fertile, moist, well-drained soil	no	sun/partial
Rhus aromatica and cultivars	3-6'	Glossy foliage with great fall color. Moist to dry soil	yes	sun/partial
Rodgersia species and cultivars	30-48"	Large, textured leaves, also flowers. Needs to be in moist soil	no	partial/shade
Rosa palustris	3-6'	Single pink flowers followed by reddish orange hips. Wet to moist soil	yes	sun
Rubus cultivars	4-6'	Tasty fruits. Prefers moist, well drained soil. Drought tolerant	no	sun/partial
Rudbeckia species and cultivars	12-24"	Beautiful flowers, deer resistant, and well suited to rain gardens	yes	sun/partial
Rudbeckia maxima	6-7'	Also known as the Great Swamp Coneflower, likes wet to moist soil	yes	sun/partial
Salix many species and cultivars	1-50'	Wide variety of attractive attributes. Prefers moist to wet soil	some	sun
Sambucus canadensis 'Johns'	5-12'	White flowers, purple fruit. Edge of wet areas	yes	partial/sun
Saururus cernuus	2-3'	Deep green heart-shaped leaves. Prefers wet to moist soil	yes	sun/partial
Sasa palmata	5-7'	Vigorous grower with tropical look. Likes moist, waters' edge soil	no	partial
Schizachyrium scoparium & s. 'The Blues'	2-3'	Upright, bluish grass with fall color. Average to wet soil	yes	sun
Scirpus cyperinus	4-6'	Long, slender leaves grow from dense clumps. Saturated soil	yes	sun
Sedum hybrids	2-24"	Many sedums posess the traits desired of plants in rain gardens	no	sun
Sedum ternatum	2-4"	White, star-like flowers, Prefers shallow soil. Low maintenance	yes	partial
Sisyrinchium angustifolium 'Lucerne'	8"	Blue flower with gold center above the fine foliage, moist to dry soil	yes	sun/partial
Smilacina racemosa	1-2'	Creamy white flowers and deep red berries, moist but well drained soil	yes	partial/full shade
Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks'	3-4'	Bright yellow flower. Prefers average to moist soil	yes	sun
Sorghastrum nutans	5-7'	Bluish green foliage turns golden in fall. For wet to moist soil	yes	sun/partial
Spartina pectinata 'Aureo-marginata'	4-8'	Shiny green grass-like foliage with yellow stripe. Saturated soil	yes	sun

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Spiraea alba	3-6'	White, fragrant flowers appear mid-summer. Tolerates many soil types	yes	partial/shade
Spiraea tomentosa	3-6'	Pink flowers & showy fall foliage. Found in moist meadows & along bogs	yes	partial/shade
Staphylea trifolia	10-15'	Interesting stems, greenish-white flowers. Moist, well drained soil	yes	partial/shade
Stokesia laevis 'Color Wheel'	18-24"	Flowers open white and age to lavender then dark purple. Wet, drained	yes	sun
Taxodium distichum and cultivars	1-70'	Deciduous needled tree with variety of forms. Thrives in wet ground	yes	sun
Tiarella cordifolia cultivars	6-12"	Wide range of colors. Easy to grow in moist rich soil	yes	partial/shade
Thuja occidentalis cultivars	2-30'	Wide range of colors and forms. Wet to moist soils	yes	sun/ some partial
Tradescantia Hybrids	12-18"	Rush-like foliage and flower all summer. Average to moist soil	yes	sun/partial
Tricyrtis cultivars	18-36"	Orchid-like flowers. Best in moist, well drained soil.	no	partial/shade
Tsuga canadensis	40-70'	A versatile conifer with graceful pyramidal habit, wet to moist soils	yes	partial/sun/shade
Tsuga caroliniana	40-70'	A versatile conifer with graceful pyramidal habit, wet to moist soils	yes	partial/sun/shade
Vaccinium angustifolium and cultivars	4-18"	Low growing blueberry. Prefers well-drained soils	yes	sun/partial
Vaccinium corymbosum cultivars	2-3'	Shrub-like blueberry. Prefers well-drained soils	yes	sun/partial
Vaccinium macrocarpon cultivars	8-10"	Evergreen groundcover, produces cranberries. Moist organic soil	yes	sun
Verbena hastata	2-4'	Violet blue flowers in late summer. Tolerates periods of inundation	yes	sun
Vernonia I. 'Iron Butterfly' & noveboracensis	30-72"	Reddish/purple or purple blooms. Likes moist soil, but drought tolerant	yes	sun
Viburnum acerifolium	4-8'	White flowers, reddish purple fruits. Adaptable to moist to dry soils	yes	partial/full shade
Viburnum cassinoides	6-10'	Dense, compact shrub, white flowers. Takes wet soil, any drainage	yes	sun/partial
Viburnum dentatum and cultivars	6-10'	Durable with nice fruit. Outer edges of wet areas	yes	sun/partial
Viburnum lentago	15-20'	Shiny leaves and blue-black fruit. Takes wet soil, any drainage	yes	sun/partial
Viburnum trilobum 'Wentworth'	8-12'	Dense shrub with white flowers. Mostly moist soils	yes	sun/partial
Xanthorhiza simplicissima	2-3'	A solid groundcover. Prefers wet, well drained soils, found along banks	yes	sun/partial

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