Plants for Raingardens

Perennial shrubs and trees

Common name	Scientific name	Habit	Moisture tolerance and sun	Origin
Dogwood	Cornus sanguinea	Perennial shrub	Any	Native. Leaves are larval food for vase bearer moth and berries eaten by birds. Often planted for attractive winter stems.
Lesser periwinkle	Vinca minor	Perennial sub- shrub	Any	Non-native. Ground cover with blue flowers.
Hazel	Corylus avellana	Perennial shrub	Any	Native
Alder buckthorn	Frangula alnus	Perennial shrub	Wetter conditions	Native
Bog tea	Ledum palustre	Perennial shrub	Wetter conditions	Native to Europe
Blackcurrant	Ribes nigrum	Perennial shrub	Any	Native, fruit is edible by humans as well as wildlife.
Goat willow	Salix caprea	Perennial shrub	Any	Native.
Sallow	Salix cinerea	Perennial shrub	Any	Native
Purple willow	Salix purpurea	Perennial shrub	Any	Native
Osier	Salix viminalis	Perennial shrub	Any	Native
Elderberry	Sambucus nigra	Perennial shrub	Drier conditions	Native
Witch hazel	Hamamelis virginiana	Perennial shrub	Dry conditions	Non-native
Common alder	Alnus glutinosa	Tree	Wetter conditions	Native
Italian alder	Alnus cordata	Tree	Any	Non-native
Speckled alder	Alnus incana	Tree	Wetter conditions	Non-native
Service berry	Amelanchier app.	Tree	Drier conditions	Non-native
Cherry birch	Betula lenta	Tree	Drier conditions	Non-native
Downy birch	Betula pubescens	Tree	Wetter conditions	Native
Green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Tree	Damp conditions	Non-native
Aspen	Populus tremula	Tree	Any	Native
Bird cherry	Prunus padus	Tree	Any	Native
White willow	Salix alba	Tree	Wetter conditions	Native
Crack willow	Salix fragilis	Tree	Wetter conditions	Native