

Plants for Raingardens

Herbaceous plants

Common name	Scientific name	Habit	Moisture tolerance and sun	Origin
Culvers root	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Full sun or partial shade	Non-native. Tall with long terminal blue flower spikes. On the RHS 'plants for pollinators' list.
Aster	<i>Aster spp.</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Full sun or partial shade	Non-native. Often late flowering. Clump forming. Several species on the RHS 'plants for pollinators' list.
Black eyed susan	<i>Rudbeckia birta</i>	Herbaceous annual or biennial	Full sun or partial shade	Non-native. Spectacular yellow and black flowers. On RHS 'plants for pollinators' list.
Stinking hellebore	<i>Helleborus foetidus</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Full sun or partial shade	Native. Winter flowers.
Bugle	<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Rhizomatous perennial	Partial shade	Native. Low growing and will form a mat.
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia spp.</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Full sun or partial shade	Non-native. Clump forming with tall flower spikes. On RHS 'plants for pollinators' list.
Inula	<i>Inula hookeri</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Partial shade	Tall clump forming with yellow flowers. On RHS 'plants for pollinators' list.
Hemp agrimony	<i>Eupatorium cannabinum</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Full sun or partial shade	Native. Sub-shrubs with pink flowers.
Bellflower	<i>Campanula glomerata</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Full sun or partial shade	Native. Clumps bearing violet-blue bell shaped flowers.
Sneezeweed	<i>Helenium sp.</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Full sun	Non-native. Clump forming with red flowers. On RHS 'plants for pollinators' list.
Plantain lilies	<i>Hosta spp.</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Part shade	Non-native. Attractive light coloured flowers.
Yellow flag	<i>Iris pseudocorus</i>	Rhizomatous perennial	Full sun or partial shade	Native. Likely to prefer wetter areas near inlet.
Siberian flag	<i>Iris sibirica</i>	Rhizomatous perennial	Full sun or partial shade	Non-native. Blue flowers. Prefers moist but well drained soil.
Garlic and onions	<i>Allium spp.</i>	Bulbous perennials	Full sun	Non-native. On RHS 'plants for pollinators' list.
Goatsbeard	<i>Arunco dioicus</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Any	Native?
Marsh marigold	<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Wetter conditions	Native. Early flowering, with bright yellow flowers.
Large bittercress	<i>Cardamine armara</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Full sun	Native, tall plant with white flowers. Likely to prefer damper conditions.

Cuckoo flower	<i>Cardamine partensis</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Full sun	Native, early flowering plant. Likely to prefer damper conditions
Meadowsweet	<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Full sun	Native. Tall, tussocky plant with very sweet smelling clusters of flowers.
Snakes head Fritillary	<i>Fritillaria meleagris</i>	Bulbous perennial	Damp, sunny conditions	Native, early flowering plant with dropping purple heads.
Water avens	<i>Geum rivale</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Damp, shady conditions	Native. Medium height plant with delicate pink flowers.
Sword lily	<i>Gladiolus palustris</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Damp, sunny conditions	Non-native. Long flowering period, favoured by bumblebees.
Summer snowflake	<i>Leucojum aestivum</i>	Bulbous perennial	Damp conditions	Native. Snowdrop like plant, early flowering.
Ragged robin	<i>Lychnis flos-cuculi</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Any	Native. Tall, pink flowers. Long flowering period.
Golden creeping Jenny	<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Any	Non-native. Vigorous, low growing perennial with yellow flowers. Will tolerate a range of conditions.
Yellow loosestrife	<i>Lysimachia puncatata</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Any	Native. Tall, upright spikes of yellow flowers. Prefers damper conditions.
Purple loosestrife (Dropmore purple)	<i>Lythrum virgatum</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Any	Naturalised. Not to be confused with the potentially invasive <i>Lythrum salicaria</i> .
Water mint	<i>Mentha aquatic</i>	Rhizomatous perennial	Wetter conditions in full sun	Native. Later flowering and can grow tall.
Water forget-me- not	<i>Myosotis palustris</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Any	Native. Low growing and early flowering. Can tolerate partial shade.
Wild bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Full sun	Non-native. Tall plant with lots of fragrance.
Evening primrose	<i>Oenothera biennis</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Full sun	Non-native. Highly variable and long flowering.
Bistort	<i>Persicaria bistorta</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Any	Native. Low growing, thrives on disturbed ground.
Butterbur	<i>Petasites hybridus</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Any	Native, but can be invasive. Flowers early, before the large rhubarb- like leaves.
Primrose	<i>Prima vulgaris</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Shade	Native. Early flowering woodland plant.
Primula spp	<i>Primula spp</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Full sun or partial shade	Non-native. Moisture loving and early flowering
Tall coneflower	<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Any	Non-native. Tall member of the daisy family. Can tolerate a range of conditions.

Comfrey	<i>Symphytum caucasicum</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Any	Native. Can be vigorous, particularly in damp conditions.
Heartleaf Oxeye	<i>Telekia speciose</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Any	Non-native, yellow oxeye daisy. Can be tall and vigorous.
Meadow rue	<i>Thalictrum aquilegia-folium</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Sun or partial shade	Native. Tall with dense masses of cream flowers.
Globe flower	<i>Trollius europaeus</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Sun or partial shade	Native. Tall, large member of the buttercup family. Can tolerate a range of conditions.
Brooklime	<i>Veronica beccabunga</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Wetter, sunny conditions	Native. Low growing succulent herb.
Longleaf speedwell	<i>Veronica longifolia</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Any.	Native. Medium height plant with long flowering period. Prefers full sun.
Greater knapweed	<i>Centaurea scabiosa</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Dry, well-drained soil	Native. Tall, upright plant preferring dry conditions.
Wild carrot	<i>Daucus carota</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Any	Native. Medium plant with white flowers in umbels.
Bloody cranesbill	<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Drier conditions	Native. Long flowering plant preferring drier conditions.
Meadow cranesbill	<i>Geranium pratense</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Any	Native. Bushy, long flowering plant.
Field scabious	<i>Knautia arvensis</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Any	Native. Tall, hairy, grassland perennial preferring drier, sunny conditions, but tolerates a range..
Small scabious	<i>Scabiosa columbaria</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Drier, well-drained conditions	Native. Small plant similar to Field scabious
Devils bit scabious	<i>Succisa pratensis</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Wet, sunny conditions	Native. Tall plant, able to tolerate wet and shady conditions.
Ox eye Daisy	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Wetter, sunny conditions	Native. Tall plant thriving in disturbed ground.
Great Burnet	<i>Sanguisorbia officinalis</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Wetter, sunny conditions	Native. Tall plant with elongated flower heads.
Betony	<i>Stachys officinalis</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Wetter, sunny conditions	Native. Short plant tolerating shady conditions.
Meadow buttercup	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Herbaceous perennial	Wetter conditions	Native, tolerates shade well
Wood anemone	<i>Anemine nemorosa</i>	Bulbous perennial	Shady	Native. Early spring flowering plant.
Woodland crocus	<i>Crocus tomasinanus</i>	Bulbous perennial	Shady	Native. Early spring flowering plant.
Autumn crocus	<i>Colchicu, autumnale</i>	Bulbous perennial	Any	Native. Autumn flowering plant.
Gladiolus spp	<i>Gladiolus spp</i>	Bulbous perennial	Any	Native and non-native. Summer or late spring flowering plants.

Winter aconite	<i>Eranthus hyemalis</i>	Bulbous perennial	Any	Native. Early spring flowering plant, likes sun or partial shade.
Lesser celandine	<i>Scilla sibirica</i>	Bulbous perennial	Shady	Native. Spring flowering plant tolerating a range of conditions..
Wild tulip	<i>Tulipa sylvestris</i>	Bulbous perennial	Any	Native. Spring flowering medium plant. Tolerates sun or partial shade.