

Gardening for Moist Areas

The majority of garden plants are tolerant of wet soil for short periods of time. It is very natural for many areas to be quite wet in the spring as the ground thaws and the snow melts.

However, garden sites that remain wet throughout the year demand the use of moisture-tolerant or even moisture-dependant species.

The following is a selection of plant material that enjoy wet soil:

Shade Tree

Red Maple	(Acer rubrum and cultivars)	River Birch	(Betula nigra)
Silver Maple	(Acer saccharinum)	Pin Oak	(Quercus palustris)
Alders	(Alnus species)	Willow	(Salix species)

Evergreen Trees

Weeping False Cypress	(Chamaecyparis nootkatensis)	White Cedar	(Thuja occidentalis)
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Shrubs

Chokeberry	(Aronia species)	Spice Bush	(Lindera benzoin)
Button Bush	(Cephalanthus)	Pussy Willow	(Salix)
Redtwig Dogwood	(Cornus sericea, C. stolonifera)	Elder	(Sambucus varieties)
Winterberry	(Ilex verticillata)	Witherod	(V. iburnum cassinoides)

Ferns

Leather Wood	(Dryopteris marginalis)	Sensitive Fern	(Onoclea sensibilis)
Toothed Wood	(Dryopteris spinulosa)	Cinnamon Fern	(Osmunda cinnamomea)
Marsh Fern	(Dryopteris thelypteris)	Royal Fern	(Osmunda regalis)
Ostrich Fern	(Matteuccia struthiopteris)	Virginian Chain	(Woodwardia virginica)



Hardy Perennials

These plants do not demand boggy soil and are hardy in the regular garden. They are all moisture tolerant and provide greater choice for poolside or boggy plantings.

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Monkshood	(Aconitum)	Ligularia	(Ligularia stenocephala ÆThe Rockett and other varieties)
Sweet Flag	(Acorus)	Cardinal Flower	(Lobelia)
Ajuga	(Ajuga)	Lupine	(Lupinus ÆRussell Hybrid)
Lady's Mantle	(Alchemilla)	Maltese Cross	(Lychnis chalcidonica)
Jack-in-the-Pulpit	(Arisaema triphyllum)	Maltese Cross	(Lychnis chalcidonica)
Goat's Beard	(Aruncus sylvestris)	Gipsywort	(Lycopus eurpeus)
Wild Ginger	(Asarum canadense)	Gooseneck Loosestrife	(Lysimachia clethroides)
Astilbe	(Astilbe varieties)	Creeping Jenny	(Lysimachia nummularia)
Rodgersia	(Astilboides tabularis)	Yellow Loosestrife	(Lysimachia punctata)
Masterwort	(Astrantia major)	Mazus	(Mazus reptans)
Quamash	(Camassia quamash)	Himalayan Blue Poppy	(Meconopsis baileyi (M. Betonicifolia))
Cuckoo Flower	(Cardamine pratensis)	Variegated Apple Mint	(Mentha suaveolens variegata)
Turtle Head	(Chelone)	Bee Balm	(Monarda varieties)
Snakeroot	(Cimicifuga racemosa)	Forget-Me-Not	(Myosotis)
Spring Beauty	(Claytonia virginica)	Grass of Parnassus	(Parnassia palustris)
Lily-of-the-Valley	(Convallaria majalis)	Umbrella Plant	(Peltiphyllum peltatum (Darmera))
Bunchberry	(Cornus canadensis)	Chinese Lantern	(Physalis alkekengi)
Kenilworth Ivy	(Cymbalaria muralis)	May Apple	(Podophyllum peltatum)
Bleeding Heart	(Dicentra)	Solomon's Seal	(Polygonatum)
Foxglove	(Digitalis)	Himalayan Fleecflower	(Rolygonum affine ÆDarjeeling Red)
Shooting Star	(Dodecatheon meadia)	Primrose	(Primula)
Yellow Adder's Tongue	(Erythronium americanum)	Self Heal	(Prunella grandiflora)
Mist Flower	(Eupatorium)	Double Buttercup	(Ranunculus acris ÆMultiplex)
Joe-Pye Weed	(Eupatorium purpureum)	Creeping Buttercup	(Ranunculus repens)
Meadow Sweet	(Filipendula vulgaris)	Ornamental Rhubarb	(Rheum palmatum)
Queen-of-the-Prairie	(Filipendula rubra (Venusta) ÆMagnifica)	Rodgersia	(Rodgersia)
Queen-of-the-Meadow	(Filipendula ulmaria)	Bloodroot	(Sanguinaria canadensis)
Helenium	(Helenium)	Bouncing Bet	(Saponaria officinalis)
Christmas Rose	(Helleborus niger)	Pitcher Plant	(Sarracenia purpurea)
Daylily	(Hemerocallis)	Solomon's Plume	(Smilacina)
Liverwort	(Hepatica)	Golden Wood Poppy	(Stylophorum diphyllum)
Giant Hogweed	(Heracleum mantegazzianum)	Ornamental Comfrey	(Symphytum)
Dame's Rocket	(Hesperis matronalis)	Telekia	(Telekia speciosa (Bupthalmium))
Rose Mallow	(Hibiscus palustris (H. Moscheutos))	Meadow Rue	(Thalictrum)
Hollyhock	(Alcea officinalis)	Foamflower	(Tiarella cordifolia)
Golden Seal	(Hydrastis canadensis)	Tovara	(Tovara virginianum)
Japanese Poppy	(Hylomecon japonicum)	Spiderwort	(Tradescantia varieties)
St. John's Wort	(Hypericum)	Toad Lily	(Tricyrtis hirta)
Japanese Iris	(Iris kaempferi)	Snowy Trillium	(Trillium grandiflorum)
Iris Laevigata	(Iris laevigata)	Globe Flower	(Trollius)
Yellow Flag Iris	(Iris pseudacorus)	Bellwort	(Uvularia grandiflora)
Blue Flag Iris	(Iris versicolor)	Violet	(Violet varieties)