



Redwood Barn Nursery

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Water plants

GENUS	SPECIES	COMMON NAME	Comments
<i>Acorus</i>	<i>calamus</i>	Golden sweet flag	Tough, easy, can be submerged or marginal. Species has shiny green leaves; 'Ogon' has bright golden leaves; 'Variegata' is striped.
<i>Alisma</i>	<i>rivale</i>	Water plantain	Similar to <i>Sagittaria</i> , with small light lavender flowers. Bog or marginal.
<i>Althantaria</i>	sp.	Copper leaf	Purple red foliage with small white flowers
<i>Aponogeton</i>	<i>distachyus</i>	Water hawthorn	Submerged. Slender leaves, orchid-like white flowers are fragrant, bloom in fall, winter, spring. One of the few aquatic plants that looks good in winter. Dormant in summer.
<i>Bacopa</i>	<i>monnica</i>	Water wisteria	Submerged, bog, or marginal. Looks like Wandering Jew. Small purple flowers throughout summer. Prolific.
<i>Caltha</i>	<i>palustris</i>	Marsh marigold	Large leaves, yellow daisy flowers in early spring. 'Plena' has double flowers. Bog plant.
<i>Canna</i>	hybrids	Canna lily	Spread freely. Very dramatic colors. Will grow in regular soil, or partially submerged.
<i>Colocasia</i>	<i>esculenta</i>	Taro	Spread freely. There are green and black foliage forms available. Very dramatic.
<i>Cyperus</i>	<i>alternifolius</i>	Papyrus--Umbrella palm	Small version of the dramatic tropical-looking papyrus. Marginal or bog.
<i>Cyperus</i>	<i>gracilis</i>	Papyrus--dwarf Papyrus	Small version of the dramatic tropical-looking papyrus. Marginal or bog.
<i>Cyperus</i>	<i>isocladius</i>	Papyrus--dwarf Papyrus	Small 1' - 2' tall version of the dramatic tropical-looking papyrus. Marginal or bog. Damaged by frost.
<i>Dichromena</i>	<i>colorata</i>	Star grass	Grass-like water plant which flowers continuously with star-shaped white flowers with yellow centers. Bog plant.
<i>Eichornia</i>	<i>crassipes</i>	Water Hyacinth	Floater. Beautiful orchid-like purple flowers in summer. Rapid growth, very invasive. Good fish cover. Will yellow and starve if water is too clean. Tolerates shade.
<i>Eleocharis</i>	<i>bauma rubiginosa</i>	Yellow-green rush	Yellow green striated spiked erect quill-like leaves.
<i>Equisetum</i>	<i>hymale</i>	Horsetail rush	Bog or marginal plant. Native horsetail. Invasive. <i>Variegatus</i> stays smaller.
<i>Equisetum</i>	<i>scirpoides</i>	Horsetail rush--miniature	Bog or marginal plant. Miniature horsetail, but still invasive. Sun or part shade.
<i>Gunnera</i>	<i>chiliensis</i>	Dinosaur plant	Prehistoric bog plant with huge leaves. Prefers shade.
<i>Hibiscus</i>	<i>coccineus</i>	Scarlet Rose Mallow	Showy red hibiscus flowers on a clump-forming perennial. Dies to the ground in winter, but roots are very hardy. Can grow in standing water.
<i>Hippuris</i>	<i>vulgaris</i>	Mare s tail	Narrow, pine-like foliage. Good oxygenator, can be submerged.
<i>Houttuynia</i>	<i>cordata</i>	Chameleon plant	Bog or marginal. Spreads (not rampantly) by underground rhizomes. White flowers in summer are pretty. Damp soil, not submerged.
<i>Hydrocharis</i>	<i>morsus-ranae</i>	Frogbit	Floating. Looks like a mini water lily, with small white flowers. Shade o.k.
<i>Hydrocleys</i>	<i>commersonii</i>	Water poppy	Submerged. Similar to water lily, but easier. Yellow poppy flowers all summer. Blooms best in full sun, but will grow in part shade.
<i>Hydrocotyle</i>	<i>peduncularis</i>	Pennywort	Marginal or bog. 2" - 6" tall. Creeps with runners. Used as a Chinese herb. Spreads vigorously.
<i>Hydrocotyle</i>	<i>rotundifolia</i>	Pennywort--Giant pennywort	Marginal or bog. 8" tall. Creeps with runners. Spreads vigorously.
<i>Hydrocotyle</i>	sp.	Pennywort--dwarf variegated Pennywort	Very small green and white clover-like plant.
<i>Hydrocotyle</i>	<i>vulgaris</i>	Pennywort	Very small green and white clover-like plant.
<i>Hymenocallis</i>	<i>liviosome</i>	Spider lily	Bog plant. Showy white flowers in spring and fall. Frost tender.
<i>Iresine</i>	<i>herbstii</i>	Scarlet bloodleaf	Deep pink leaves and flowers. Shrubby. Marginal. Frost-tender.
<i>Iris</i>	<i>ensata</i>	Iris--Japanese	2' - 3' iris with deep purple flowers in early summer. Prefers moist soil or very shallow water.
<i>Iris</i>	<i>ensata Variegata</i>	Iris--Japanese	2' - 3' iris with deep purple flowers in early summer, variegated leaves. Prefers moist soil or very shallow water.
<i>Iris</i>	<i>pseudacorus</i>	Iris--Yellow Flag iris	'Variegatus' has striped foliage. There are dwarf forms available. 3' - 4' tall with yellow flowers in spring.
<i>Iris</i>	<i>versicolor</i>	Iris--Flag iris	
<i>Juncus</i>	<i>patens</i>	Rush--Spike rush	Marginal or bog. Spiny dark green foliage.
<i>Lobelia</i>	<i>cardinalis</i>	Cardinal flower	Bog plant. Bright red flowers, red foliage. Like moist sunny conditions. Watch for snails.
<i>Lobelia</i>	<i>fulgens</i>	Red lobelia	Like <i>L. cardinalis</i> , but with red flowers and green foliage.
<i>Lobelia</i>	<i>siphilitica</i>	Lobelia--Blue lobelia	Green foliage, deep blue flowers in summer. Name refers to the old belief that it would cure syphilis.
<i>Ludwigia</i>	<i>repens</i>	Primrose creeper	Bright oval leaves, small yellow flowers. Submerged or bog plant. Can cover large areas.
<i>Lysimachia</i>	<i>nummularia</i>	Creeping Jenny/ Moneywort	Bog or marginal. Trailing ground cover for the edge of pond. Wet soil or shallow water. Small yellow flowers in early spring. Excellent ground cover in moist areas of the garden.
<i>Marsilea</i>	<i>minuta</i>	Water clover--miniature	Tiny 1/4" leaves. Good in small water gardens or tabletop ponds.
<i>Marsilea</i>	<i>mutica</i>	Water clover	Submerged or bog. Looks like the clover you get in lawns. Good fish cover.
<i>Marsilea</i>	<i>quarifolia</i>	Water clover	Marginal or bog. A four-leafed clover with interesting leaf pattern.
<i>Mentha</i>	<i>aquatica</i>	Water mint	Very fragrant, small foliage, small white flowers.
<i>Mimulus</i>	sp.	Monkeyflower	Yellow trumpet shaped flowers. Marginal. Spreads quickly.
<i>Myosotis</i>	<i>palustris</i>	Water forget-me-not	Small, light blue flowers. Marginal or bog. Fast spreader.
<i>Myriophyllum</i>	<i>aquaticum</i>	Parrot s feather	Submerged. Good oxygenator. Grows very rapidly; pull out excess every so often. Dies back in frost, but comes back in spring.
<i>Nasturtium</i>	<i>officinale</i>	Watercress	Small dark green pungent leaves, tiny white flowers. Doesn't like murky water.
<i>Nelumbo</i>	<i>species</i>	Lotus	Submerged. Huge, with stunning flowers. Best in full sun. Needs deep water and lots of space.
<i>Nymphaea</i>	<i>species and hybrids</i>	Water lilies	Submerged. Hardy and tropical types. Need 6 - 8 hours of direct sun or they won't flower. Minimum 12" depth for dwarf types, 2' + for full-size types. White, pink, red, yellow, orange.
<i>Nymphoides</i>	<i>cristatum</i>	Water snowflake	Submerged. Large heart-shaped leaves float. White fringed flowers, blooms late spring through summer.
<i>Nymphoides</i>	<i>geminata</i>	Yellow fringe	Submerged. Fringed yellow flowers, brown and green leaves. Protect in winter.

<i>Nymphoides</i>	<i>peltata</i>	Floating heart	Submerged. Fast-growing with yellow blossoms spring through fall.
<i>Phalaris</i>	<i>arundinacea</i> <i>Picta</i>	Ribbon grass	Striped grass. Marginal or bog. Also a good garden grass.
<i>Phystostegia</i>	<i>virginiana</i>	Obedience plant	Spikes of white, pink, or lavender flowers. Dramatic. Great in flower arrangements. Marginal. Excellent garden perennial; doesn't require wet soil.
<i>Pista</i>	<i>stratoides</i>	Water Lettuce	Floater. Looks like a miniature cabbage. Prefers full sun. Not frost tolerant.
<i>Pontederia</i>	<i>cordata</i>	Pickereel weed--Blue Pickereelweed	Iris-like foliage, with pretty blue flowers in a spike from summer to fall. 'Alba' is white.
<i>Ranunculus</i>	<i>septentrionalis</i>	Marsh buttercup	Bog or marginal. Parsley like foliage, yellow flower.
<i>Rotala</i>	<i>rotundifolia</i>	Water sprite	Submerged. Tiny pink flower stalk.
<i>Ruellia</i>	<i>brittoniana</i>		Showy blue flowers on a spreading plant for moist areas. 'Chi Chi' has soft pink flowers, 'Alba' is white. There is a dwarf, less invasive form ('Katie').
<i>Sagittaria</i>	class="it"gramea	Arrowhead--Narrowleaf arrowhead	Bog or marginal. Narrower leaves than <i>S. lancifolia</i> , but otherwise similar.
<i>Sagittaria</i>	<i>lancifolia</i>	Arrowhead--Fairy lance arrowhead	Bog or marginal. Spoon shaped foliage, with wands of white flowers in springtime. Easy in wet areas or under several inches of water.
<i>Sagittaria</i>	<i>latifolia</i>	Arrowhead	Bog or marginal. Wider leaves than <i>S. lancifolia</i> , but otherwise similar.
<i>Salix</i>	<i>matsudana</i>	Willow--Curly willow	Huge, fast-growing tree. Many drawbacks, but very graceful in its place. When used near a pond it is usually pruned severely to keep it small. Very easy to root.
<i>Salvinia</i>	<i>auriculata</i>	Water velvet	Floater. A floating fern which multiplies very rapidly. Tender in winter.
<i>Saururus</i>	<i>cernuus</i>	Lizard's tail	Bog or marginal. Can be several inches deep.
<i>Scirpus</i>	<i>californicus</i>	Rush--Giant bullrush	Tule rush. Native. Bog plant. Can reach 6' .
<i>Scirpus</i>	<i>fluviatilis</i>	Rush--Fiber optic grass	Cute little rush with odd, grass-like foliage.
<i>Scirpus</i>	<i>lacustris</i> <i>Albescens</i>	Rush--White rush	Tubular stalks are white to light green.
<i>Scirpus</i>	<i>zebrinus</i>	Rush--Zebra rush	Medium-sized (1' - 2') rush with white bands.
<i>Sisyrinchium</i>	<i>californicum</i>	Yellow-eyed grass	Grass-like leaves with small yellow iris-like blooms in late spring.
<i>Thalia</i>	<i>dealbata</i>	Thalia	Big plant with red stems, green leaves, purple flowers on a tall spike. Bog or marginal. Can be submerged up to 12" .
<i>Tulbaghia</i>	<i>violacea</i>	Society garlic	Bog or marginal. Onion relative with continuous supply of light lavender-pink flowers. Also grows fine in the garden. Variegated form is very common.
<i>Typha</i>	<i>angustifolia</i>	Cattail--Graceful cattail	Bog or marginal. Can be invasive. 4' tall, hot dog on a stick.
<i>Typha</i>	<i>latifolia</i>	Cattail--Common cattail	Bog or marginal. Can be invasive. Our native species.
<i>Typha</i>	<i>minima</i>	Cattail--Miniature cattail	Bog or marginal. Best Typha choice for small gardens. 2' - 3' max.
<i>Zantedeschia</i>	<i>species</i>	Calla lilies	Very tough perennials for shade. Can take wet, even soggy soil. Grow on the edge of or in ponds.
<i>Zephyranthes</i>	<i>species</i>	Fairy lily; Summer crocus	Shiny green leaves, very easy to grow. Bloom off and on through the summer. White, pink forms available. Marginal or bog. Also a good rock garden plant.