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Plants for Wet Sites

A wet site is a challenging area to landscape. Despite the challenge, it can be a highlight in the landscape. Many herbaceous plants will spread aggressively once introduced to a wet location. If you plant the right thing it doesn't need to be a headache.

Perennials

<i>Acorus</i> spp.	Sweetflag
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed
<i>Astilbe</i> spp.	False Spirea
<i>Campanula glomerata</i>	Clustered Bellflower
<i>Carex</i> spp.	Sedge
<i>Chelone</i> spp.	Turtlehead
<i>Hemerocallis</i>	Daylily
<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	Mallow
<i>Houttuynia cordata</i>	Chameleon Plant
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Flag Iris
<i>Iris sibirica</i>	Siberian Iris
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal Flower
<i>Ligularia</i> spp.	Ligularia
<i>Lysimachia num.</i>	Creeping Jenny
<i>Physostegia vir.</i>	Obedient Plant
<i>Tradescantia vir.</i>	Spiderwort

Trees and Shrubs

<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple
<i>Amelanchier</i> spp.	Serviceberry
<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Chokeberry
<i>Betula nigra</i>	Riverbirch
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	Summersweet
<i>Cornus amomum</i>	Silky Dogwood
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Red Osier Dogwood
<i>Gleditsia trian.</i>	Honeylocust
<i>Hamamelis vernalis</i>	Vernal Witch Hazel
<i>Hamamelis vir.</i>	Common Witch Hazel
<i>Ilex glabra</i>	Inkberry Holly
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Winterberry Holly
<i>Itea virginica</i>	Sweetspire
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Spicebush
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Sweetbay Magnolia
<i>Metasequoia glypt.</i>	Dawn Redwood
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Gum
<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i>	London Planetree
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Pin Oak
<i>Salix</i> spp.	Willow
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	American Arborvitae
<i>Tilia americana</i>	Basswood
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Arrowwood Viburnum
<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	American Cranberry

Tips for Wet Site Planting

- ◆ Make sure plants are planted high
- ◆ Do not compact the soil excessively
- ◆ Never use peat in the planting hole

Sources

This sheet has been compiled from experience and information from our suppliers