

Suggested plant list for Connecticut rain gardens

PERENNIALS

1. Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)
2. New York aster (*Aster novae-belgii*)
3. Astilbe (*Astilbe spp.*)
4. Tickseed sunflower (*Bidens aristosa*)
5. Joe Pye weed (*Eupatorium fistulosum*)
6. Rose mallow (*Hibiscus moscheutos*)
7. Iris (*Iris versicolor*)
8. Cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)
9. Spiked gay feather (*Liatrix spicata*)
10. Sensitive fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*)
11. Cinnamon fern (*Osmunda cinnamomea*)
12. Royal fern (*Osmunda regalis*)
13. Marsh fern (*Thelypteris palustris*)
14. Spiderwort (*Tradescantia virginiana*)
15. Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)

GRASSES

1. Creeping bentgrass (*Agrostis stolonifera*)
2. Meadow foxtail (*Alopecurus pratensis*)
3. Blue joint (*Calamagrostis Canadensis*)
4. Tussock sedge (*Carex stricta*)
5. Tufted hair grass (*Deschampsia caespitosa*)
6. Switch grass (*Panicum virgatum*)
7. Ribbon grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*)



SHRUBS

1. Red chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*)
2. Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)
3. Summersweet clethra (*Clethra alnifolia*)
4. Silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*)
5. Gray dogwood (*Cornus racemosum*)
6. Red osier dogwood (*Cornus sericea*)
7. Inkberry (*Ilex glabra*)
8. Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)
9. Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*)
10. Pinxterbloom azalea (*Rhododendron periclymenoides*)
11. Swamp azalea (*Rhododendron viscosum*)
12. Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)
13. Lowbush blueberry (*Vaccinium angustifolium*)
14. Highbush blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)
15. Witherod (*Viburnum cassinoides*)
16. Arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*)
17. Nannyberry (*Viburnum lentago*)
18. Black haw (*Viburnum prunifolium*)
19. American cranberry (*Viburnum trilobum*)

TREES

One or more trees can be added to a rain garden, depending upon its size. Caution should be used though, as a tree can quickly take over the garden and create a different look. Remember, most trees will grow very large unless they are purposely kept small. If a tree is desired, the following types are recommended:

1. River birch (*Betula negra*)
2. Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)
3. Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)
4. Swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*)
5. Pin oak (*Quercus palustris*)
6. Larch (*Larix laricina*)
7. Cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*)
8. Shadblow (*Amelanchier spp.*)