



Our Rain Garden Species

WHAT IS A RAIN GARDEN? A rain garden is a strategically designed landscape feature that mitigates stormwater runoff in urban areas. Rain gardens or “bioretention facilities” are important because they filter pollutants from entering

our water sources, they reduce flooding & erosion, and they provide habitat for beneficial insects and birds! Ask our nursery staff about information pertaining to each zone of a well-designed rain garden.

FORBS

ZONE 1

Horsemint
Yellow/Red Monkeyflower
Purple Avens
Helenium
Mountain Hollyhock
Rocky Mountain Iris
Wild Mint
Western Coneflower
Skullcap
Blue-eyed Grass

Agastache urticifolia
Erythranthe spp.
Geum rivale
Helenium autumnale
Iliamna rivularis
Iris missouriensis
Mentha arvensis
Rudbeckia occidentalis
Scutellaria lateriflora
Sisyrinchium idahoense

ZONE 2

Wild Chives
All Columbine Species
Milkweed
Large-leaved Avens
Alumroot
Shooting Star
Self-heal
Oregon Checkermallow
Fringecup

Allium schoenoprasum
Aquilegia spp.
Asclepias speciosa
Geum macrophyllum
Heuchera cylindrica
Primula pauciflora
Prunella vulgaris
Sidalcea oregana
Tellima grandiflora



FORBS

ZONE 3

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| Harebell | <i>Campanula rotundifolia</i> |
| Fireweed | <i>Chamerion angustifolium</i> |
| Showy Aster | <i>Eurybia conspicua</i> |
| Aspen Fleabane | <i>Erigeron speciosus</i> |
| Blanketflower | <i>Gaillardia aristata</i> |
| Wild Blue Flax | <i>Linumlewisii</i> |
| Silky Lupine | <i>Lupinus sericea</i> |
| Beebalm | <i>Monarda fistulosa</i> |
| Canada Goldenrod | <i>Solidago canadensis</i> |
| Smooth Blue Aster | <i>Symphotrichum laeve</i> |

SHRUBS & GROUNDCOVERS

ZONE 1

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| Twinberry Honeysuckle | <i>Lonicera involucrata</i> |
| Douglas Spirea | <i>Spiraea douglasii</i> |
| Golden Currant | <i>Ribes aureum</i> |

ZONE 2

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| Serviceberry | <i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i> |
| Red-osier Dogwood | <i>Cornus sericea</i> |
| All Strawberry Species | <i>Fragaria spp.</i> |
| Bitter Cherry | <i>Prunus emarginata</i> |
| Golden Currant | <i>Ribes aureum</i> |
| Thimbleberry | <i>Rubus parviflorus</i> |
| All Willow Species | <i>Salix spp.</i> |
| Blue Elderberry | <i>Sambucus cerulea</i> |

ZONE 3

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| Rocky Mtn. Maple | <i>Acer glabrum</i> |
| Kinnikinnick | <i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> |
| Oregon Grape | <i>Berberis repens</i> |
| Oceanspray | <i>Holodiscus discolor</i> |
| Mock Orange | <i>Philadelphus lewisii</i> |
| Mallow Ninebark | <i>Physocarpus malvaceus</i> |
| Mountain Ash | <i>Sorbus scopulina</i> |
| Birch-leaved Spirea | <i>Spiraea betulifolia</i> |

GRASSES & GRAMINOIDS

ZONE 1

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| All Sedge Species | <i>Carex spp.</i> |
| All Juncus Species | <i>Juncus spp.</i> |

ZONE 2

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| Sweetgrass | <i>Anthoxanthum hirtum</i> |
| Tufted Hairgrass | <i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i> |
| Slender Hairgrass | <i>Deschampsia elongata</i> |

ZONE 3

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| Big Bluestem | <i>Andropogon gerardii</i> |
| Prairie Junegrass | <i>Koeleria macrantha</i> |
| Idaho Fescue | <i>Festuca idahoense</i> |

TREES

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| Paper Birch | <i>Betula papyrifera</i> |
| River Birch | <i>Betula occidentalis</i> |
| Engelmann Spruce | <i>Picea engelmannii</i> |
| Western White Pine | <i>Pinus monticola</i> |
| Quaking Aspen | <i>Populus tremuloides</i> |
| Douglas Fir | <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> |

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DO YOU NEED HELP DESIGNING YOUR RAIN GARDEN? From technical assistance, plant selection or plant placement, our friendly garden staff can help you take it to the next level! Fill out our customer inquiry form to set up an appointment for this additional service.