

RECOMMENDED RAINGARDEN PLANTS

Most perennials demand well-drained soil. They perform poorly and die out when planted in soil that stays wet and soggy. But there are some perennial flowers that tolerate and even thrive in moist soils. The plants on this list do well in moist, poorly-drained soil. They will not tolerate standing water, however, except as noted.

<i>Botanical name</i> <i>Comments</i>	<i>Common names</i>	<i>Hardine</i> <i>ss zone</i>	<i>Flower color</i>	<i>Light</i> <i>requireme</i> <i>nts</i>	<i>Plant</i> <i>height</i>	<i>Season</i> <i>of bloom</i>	<i>Standing</i> <i>water OK?</i>
Acorus species Cultivars with variegated foliage are available.	sweet flag	3	yellow	full sun	3-6 feet	July-August	yes
Aruncus dioicus	goat's beard	3	white	sun-part shade	4-6 feet	July-August	no
Asclepias incarnata	swamp milkweed	3	rose-purple	full sun	3-4 feet	August	no
Brunnera macrophylla	Siberian bugloss	3	blue	sun-part shade	1-2 feet	May	no
Caltha palustris	marsh marigold	3	golden yellow	sun-part shade	1-2 feet	May	yes
Chelone glabra		3	white				
Chelone lyonii	turtle head	4	pink	part shade	2-5 feet	August-September	no
Chelone obliqua		3	purple				
Eupatorium maculatum	spotted Joe-pye weed						
Eupatorium purpureum	green-stemmed Joe-pye weed	3	distinctive brownish or rosy-purple	sun-part shade	4-6 feet	August-September	no
Filipendula palmata	Siberian meadowsweet	2	pink				
Filipendula rubra	queen of the prairie	3	pink	sun-part shade	4-6 feet	June-August	no
Filipendula ulmaria	queen of the meadow	3	white				
Iris pseudacorus The cultivar 'Variegata' has variegated foliage.	yellow flag iris	4	pale to deep yellow	full sun	2-3 feet	June	yes
Iris sibirica Many named cultivars are available.	Siberian iris	4	purple, blue, white, bi-colors	full sun	2-3 feet	June	no
Iris versicolor	blue flag iris	3	purple	full sun	2-3 feet	June	yes
Ligularia species	golden ray	4	golden yellow	part shade	1 foot	July-September	no
Lobelia cardinalis	red cardinal flower	2	red, pink, bi-colors	full sun	2-3 feet	July-September	no
Lobelia siphilitica Dwarf varieties are available.	blue cardinal flower, blue lobelia	4	blue, white	full sun	2-3 feet	August-September	no
Lysimachia ciliata	*fringed loosestrife	3	yellow				
Lysimachia clethroides	*gooseneck loosestrife	3	white				
Lysimachia punctata *These three are not related to the invasive purple loosestrife. See below.	*garden loosestrife			full sun	2-4 feet	July-August	no
Macleaya cordata species	plume poppy	4	white	full sun	1 foot	July-August	no
Myosotis scorpioides	true forget-me-not	3	blue	sun-part shade	1-2 feet	May-June	no
Trollius species	globeflower	3	yellow	full sun	1-2 feet	May-June	no
Viola cucullata The cultivar 'Freckles' has blue-flecked white flowers.	blue marsh flower	4	purple, white	sun-part shade	6-10 inches	May	no

Although purple loosestrife, *Lythrum salicaria*, is also well-adapted to wet areas in New Jersey and does produce an attractive spike of bright flowers, it is not recommended for planting because it is invasive, crowding out native vegetation important to wetland ecosystems. In fact, purple loosestrife is considered a noxious weed in New Jersey, so planting it is illegal.