



NATIVE WILDFLOWERS, GROWDCOVERS, AND SHRUBS FOR RAIN GARDENS IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN (partial list)

A “starter” list of rain garden plants for Southeast Michigan is listed below. Always checks sun/shade conditions before planning your garden. The plants listed are excellent for moist organic gardens that are “dry” within 48 hours of a rain.

SHRUBS:

- American Cranberrybush
Viburnum trilobum
- Black Chokeberry
Aronia prunifolia
- Common Buttonbush
Cephalanthus occidentalis
- Meadowsweet
Spiraea alba
- Ninebark
Physocarpus opulifolius
- Redosier Dogwood
Cornus stolonifera
- Shrubby Cinquefoil
Potentilla fruticosa
- Shrubby St. John’s-Wort
Hypericum prolificum
- Spicebush
Lindera benzoin
- Steeplebush
Spiraea tomentosa
- Virginia Sweetspire
Itea virginica

WILDFLOWERS, SEDGES, and GRASSES:

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| Beardtongue
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i> | Indian Grass
<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> |
| Bergamot (Bee-Balm)
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i> | Joe-Pye Weed
<i>Eupatorium fistulosum</i> |
| Black-Eyed Susan
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> | Marsh Blazing Star
<i>Liatris spicata</i> |
| Blue Flag Iris
<i>Iris versicolor</i> | Missouri Ironweed
<i>Vernonia missurica</i> |
| Blue Vervain
<i>Verbena hostata</i> | New England Aster
<i>Aster novae angliae</i> |
| Boneset
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i> | Old-Field Cinquefoil
<i>Potentilla simplex</i> |
| Canada Anemone
<i>Anemone canadensis</i> | Porcupine Sedge
<i>Carex hystericina</i> |
| Cardinal Flower
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> | Queen-of-the-Prairie
<i>Filipendula rubra</i> |
| Columbine
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i> | Sneezeweed
<i>Helenium autumnale</i> |
| Culver’s Root
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i> | Spiderwort
<i>Tradescantia virginiana</i> |
| Horsemint
<i>Monarda punctata</i> | Swamp Goldenrod
<i>Solidago patula</i> |
| | Swamp Milkweed
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i> |
| | Tall or Green-Headed
Coneflower
<i>Rudbeckia trilobum</i> |
| | Threadleaf Coreopsis
<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i> |
| | White Turtlehead
<i>Chelone glabra</i> |
| | White Vervain
<i>Verbena urticifolia</i> |
| | Wild Strawberry
<i>Fragaria virginiana</i> |

