

Friends of the ROUGE

Traditional Ornamental Species for Rain Gardens

Friends of the Rouge recommends native species for use in rain gardens. Native plants tend to perform best in rain gardens and also essential for birds, butterflies, and pollinators. To find a list of recommended native plants, please visit TheRouge.org/recommended-plants.

Nonetheless, we don't want our preferences get in the way of your rain garden! Below you'll find a list of widely available ornamental species that **MAY** survive rain garden conditions. Consult with your local nursery professional for recommendations appropriate for your garden.

The list below derives from resources supplied by Christensen's Plant Center and Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension. Friends of the Rouge does not endorse the plants below for rain gardens. Only non-invasive ornamental species are listed.

<i>Astilbe spp.</i>
Bulrush (<i>Scirpus spp.</i>)
Butterbur (<i>Petasites japonicus</i>)
Calla Lily (<i>Zantedeschia spp.</i>)
Canna Lily (<i>Canna spp.</i>)
Common Rush (<i>Juncus spp.</i>)
Crinum Lily (<i>Crinum spp.</i>)
Daylilies (<i>Hemerocallis spp.</i>) (non-invasive varieties)
Feather Reed Grass (<i>Calamagrostis acutiflora</i>)
Green and Gold (<i>Chrysogonum virginianum</i>)
Hardy Begonia (<i>Begonia grandis</i>)
Holly Fern (<i>Cyrtomium falcatum</i>)
<i>Iris spp.</i>
Japanese Painted Fern (<i>Athyrium nipponicum</i>)
Japanese shield fern (<i>Dryopteris erythrosora</i>)
Ligularia 'The Rocket'
Lizard Tail (<i>Saururus cernuus</i>)
Lungwort (<i>Pulmonaria spp.</i>)
Mazus (<i>Mazus reptans</i>)
Meadowsweet (<i>Filipendula spp.</i>)
<i>Miscanthus spp.</i>
Plumbago (<i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i>)
Siberian Bugloss (<i>Brunnera macrophylla</i>)
Strawberry Begonia (<i>Saxifraga stolonifera</i>)
Summersweet (<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>)
Sweet Flag (<i>Acorus gramineus</i> 'Ogon')