

# Plants for Wet Soil

Most plants need consistent moisture throughout the growing season. These plants perform well in wet soil conditions making them great for low-lying areas or areas with poor drainage. Plants marked with \* are commonly keep in inventory.

## Trees

American arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis*) \*  
American hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*)  
Baldcypress (*Taxodium distichum*) \*  
Black alder (*Alnus glutinosa*)  
Black gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*) \*  
Freeman maple (*Acer x freemanii*) \*  
Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)  
Red maple (*Acer rubrum*) \*  
River birch (*Betula nigra*) \*  
Swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*) \*  
Sweet bay magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana*) \*  
Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) \*  
Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)  
Willows (*Salix species*)

## Shrubs

Barberry (*Berberis*) \*  
Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)  
Bayberry (*Myrica pensylvanica*) \*  
Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)  
Chokeberry, Red (*Aronia arbutifolia*) \*  
Clethra (*Clethra alnifolia*) \*  
Dogwood, Gray (*Cornus racemosa*)  
Dogwood, Redosier (*Cornus sericea*)  
Sweetshrub (*Calycanthus floridus*)  
Viburnum, American Cranberry (*Viburnum opulus var. americanum*, syn. *Viburnum trilobum*)  
Viburnum, Arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*) \*  
Virginia sweetspire (*Itea virginica*) \*  
Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*) \*

## Perennials

Astilbe (*Astilbe x arendsii*) \*  
Black snakeroot (*Actaea racemosa*)  
Bleeding heart (*Dicentra spectabilis*)  
Cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*) \*  
Fern (various species) \*  
Goat's beard (*Aruncus dioicus*)  
Iris, Japanese (*Iris ensata*) \*  
Iris, Siberian (*Iris sibirica*) \*  
Iris, Yellow flag (*Iris pseudacorus*)  
Jacob's ladder (*Polemonium caeruleum*) \*  
Joe-pye weed (*Eutrochium purpureum*) \*  
Leopard plant (*Ligularia spp.*)  
Meadow rue (*Thalictrum spp.*)  
Queen-of-the-prairie (*Filipendula rubra*)  
Rose mallow (*Hibiscus moscheutos*) \*  
Siberian bugloss (*Brunnera macrophylla*) \*  
Spiderwort (*Tradescantia spp.*)  
Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)  
Sweet flag (*Acorus calamus*)  
Turtlehead (*Chelone species*)