



# Tennessee Native Rain Garden Plants

## Perennial Native Flowers

L, M, U = lower, middle, or upper location in rain garden

L, M, U	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	HEIGHT	BLOOM COLOR	BLOOM	SPACING	LIGHT
M, U	<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i>	Blue Star	3 ft.	Blue	March-May	3 ft.	Sun/Part Shade
M, U	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Columbine	2-3 ft.	Pink/Yellow	April-May	1 ft.	Part Shade
L, M, U	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed	3-4 ft	pink	May-June	3 ft	Part Shade
L, M, U	<i>Aster novae angliae</i>	New England Aster	4 ft	deep pink-purple	Aug-Sept	4 ft	Sun
L, M, U	<i>Baptisia australis</i>	Blue Wild Indigo	4 ft.	Blue-purple	May-June	3 ft	Sun
L, M	<i>Catha palustris</i>	Marsh Marigold	1-1.5 ft.	Yellow	March-May	1ft.	Sun/Part Shade
L, M	<i>Chelone glabra</i>	White Turtlehead	3 ft	White	Aug-Oct	2.5 ft	Sun/Part Shade
L, M	<i>Chelone lyonii</i>	Pink Turtlehead	3 ft	Pink	Aug-Oct	2.5 ft	Sun/Part Shade
U	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple Coneflower	3-5 ft.	Purple	July-Sept	2ft.	Sun/Part Shade
L, M, U	<i>Eupatorium coelestinum</i>	Mistflower	2 ft	Lavender Blue	Aug-Sept	2 ft	Sun/Part Shade
L, M, U	<i>Eupatorium maculatum - atropurpureum</i>	Joe Pye Weed, Queen of Meadow	up to 6 ft	Mauve	July-Sept	4 ft	Sun/Part Shade
L, M, U	<i>Eupatorium maculatum - 'Gateway'</i>	Dwarf Joe Pye Weed	4-5 ft	Mauve	July-Sept	4 ft	Sun/Part Shade
M, U	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Wild Geranium	1-2 ft.	Pale Pink-Lilac	April-May	1 ft.	Part Shade/Shade
L, M, U	<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	Swamp Sunflower	5-8 ft	Yellow	Sept-Oct	3 ft	Sun
L, M, U	<i>Hibiscus coccineus</i>	Scarlet Rose Mallow	6 ft	Scarlet Red	July-Sept	6 ft	Sun
L, M, U	<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	Rose Mallow	3-8 ft	White w/ Maroon Eye	July-Sept	4 ft	Sun
M, U	<i>Iris cristata</i>	Crested Iris	6"-9"	Pale Blue	April	1 ft.	Part Shade/Shade
L, M	<i>Iris fulva</i>	Copper Iris	2-4 ft	Reddish-Copper	May-June	1-2 ft	Sun/Part Shade

L, M	<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Blue Flag Iris	1-3 ft	Blue	May-June	2 ft	Sun/Part Shade
L, M	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal Flower	1-4 ft	Red	July-Sept	2 ft	Sun/Part Shade
L, M	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Great Blue Lobelia	1-4 ft	Blue	Aug-Oct	2 ft	Sun/Part Shade
L, M	<i>Monarda didyma</i>	BeeBalm	2-4 ft	Scarlet Red	July-Sept	2 ft	Sun/Part Shade
M, U	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild Bergamont	2-4 ft	Pink-Violet-Purple	July-Sept	2 ft	Sun/Part Shade
M, U	<i>Phlox maculata</i>	Meadow Phlox	2-4 ft	Reddish-Purple	June-Sept	3 ft	Sun/Part Shade
M, U	<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>	Brown-Eyed Susan	3-5 ft.	Gold Yellow	July-Oct	3-4 ft	Sun
L, M, U	<i>Solidago rugosa</i>	Rough-Leaf Goldenrod	5 ft	Yellow	Aug-Oct	3-4 ft	Sun/Part Shade
L, M, U	<i>Solidago rugosa, 'Fireworks'</i>	Fireworks Goldenrod	4 ft	Yellow	Aug-Oct	3-4 ft	Sun/Part Shade
M, U	<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	Foam Flower	1 ft.	White	April-May	1 ft.	Part Shade/ Shade
L, M, U	<i>Vernonia gigantea</i>	Ironweed	4-7 ft	Bright Purple	Aug-Oct	3 ft	Sun/Part Shade
M, U	<i>Actaea pachypoda</i>	White Baneberry, Misty Blue Doll's Eyes	2 ft.	White	March-May	2 ft.	Shade
M, U	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Dense Blazing Star	2-6 ft.	Purple-Pink	July-Sept	2 ft.	Sun
L, M, U	<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	Grey Headed Coneflower	3-4 ft.	Yellow	July-Sept	2-3 ft.	Sun
M, U	<i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	Pink Beauty, False Aster	4 ft.	Pink-white	Aug-Oct.	4 ft.	Sun

## Native Shrubs

L, M, U	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	HEIGHT	BLOOM	BLOOM	SPACING	LIGHT
L, M, U	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokeberry	6-10 ft	White	April-May	8 ft	Sun/Part Shade
L, M, U	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	Black Chokeberry	5-9 ft	White	April-May	5 ft	Sun/Part Shade
M, U	<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	American Beauty Berry	5-7 ft	Pink	June-Aug	5 ft	Part Shade/ Shade
L, M, U	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Buttonbush	8-12 ft	White	June-Aug	10 ft	Sun/Part Shade
M, U	<i>Clethra alnifolia,</i>	Summersweet,	3 ft	White	July-Aug	3 ft	Sun/Part

	'Hummingbird'	'HB					Shade
M, U	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i> , Ruby Spice"	Summersweet, 'RS'	6 ft	Pink	July-Aug	5 ft	Sun/Part Shade
L, M, U	<i>Cornus stolonifera</i>	Red/Yellow Twig Dogwood	6-9 ft	White	May-June	6 ft	Sun/Part Shade
L, M, U	<i>Euonymus americanus</i>	Hearts-a-burstin	4-6ft.	White/Pink	May	5 ft.	Part Shade/ Shade
M, U	<i>Fothergilla gardenii</i>	Dwarf Fothergilla	3-5 ft	White	April-May	4-5 ft	Sun/Part Shade
L, M, U	<i>Hamamelis vernalis</i>	Vernal Witchhazel	6-10 ft	Yellow-Red	Jan-March	8 ft	Sun/Part Shade
M,U	<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i>	Oakleaf Hydrangea	5-10 ft	White	June-July	6 ft	Part Shade/ Shade
M, U	<i>Ilex glabra</i>	Inkberry	6-10 ft	White	May	8 ft	Sun/Part Shade
L, M, U	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Common Winterberry	6-10 ft	White	May	8 ft	Sun/Part Shade
L, M, U	<i>Itea virginica</i>	Virginia Sweetspire	3-5 ft	White	May-June	4 ft	Sun/Part Shade
M, U	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Spicebush	6-12 ft	Yellow	April	6	Part Shade/ Shade
L, M, U	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Ninebark	5-10ft.	Pinkish White	May	8 ft.	Sun/Part Shade
L, M, U	<i>Rhododendron viscosum</i>	Swamp Azalea	3-8 ft.	White	May-June	5-7 ft.	Part Shade/ Shade
L, M, U	<i>Rosa palustris</i>	Swamp Rose	6-7 ft	Dark Pink	June-July	6 ft	Sun/Part Shade
M, U	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Arrowwood Possumhaw	6 -12 ft	Creamy White	May-June	6-12 ft	Part Shade/Shade
L, M, U	<i>Viburnum nudum</i>	Smooth Witherod Viburnum	6 ft	Creamy White	May-June	7-8 ft	Part Shade/ Shade

## Perennial Native Ferns

L, M, U	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	HEIGHT	SPACING	LIGHT
M, U	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	Lady Fern	2-3 ft.	1 ft.	Shade
M, U	<i>Matteucia struthiopteris</i>	Ostrich Fern	2-3 ft.	2 ft.	Shade
L, M, U	<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>	Cinnamon Fern	4 ft.	2 ft.	Shade
L, M	<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	Royal Fern	2-5 ft.	2 ft.	Shade
M, U	<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	Christmas Fern	2-4 ft.	1 ft.	Shade

## Perennial Native Grasses

L, M, U	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	HEIGHT	SPACING	LIGHT
L, M, U	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	Big Blue Stem	4-8 ft.	2 ft.	Sun
L, M, U	<i>Andropogon glomeratus</i>	Bushy Blue Stem	3-4 ft.	2 ft.	Sun
L, M, U	<i>Carex stricta</i>	Tussock Sedge	2-3 ft	1.5 ft	Part Shade/ Shade
L, M	<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	River Oats	3 ft	2 ft	Part Shade/ Shade
L	<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft Rush	4 ft	1 ft	Part Shade/ Shade
L, M, U	<i>Panicum virgatum</i> , 'heavy metal'	Metal Blue Switchgrass	3-5 ft	3 ft	Sun
L, M, U	<i>Panicum virgatum</i> , 'northwind'	Northwind Switch Grass	5 ft	3 ft	Sun
L, M, U	<i>Rhynchospora colorata</i>	White Star Sedge	2 ft	2 ft	Sun
L, M, U	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	3 ft.	2.ft.	Sun
L	<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i>	Woolgrass	6 ft	1 ft	Sun/Part Shade
M, U	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indian grass	3-6 ft	2-3 ft.	Sun/Part Shade