



DRAGONFLY GARDENS

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Full Sun
Wet Soil
Meadow

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	Flowers	Ht.	Moisture	Light	Description	2" Pot	4" Pot	6" Pot +
Wildflowers								
<i>Acorus calamus</i> Sweet Flag	Yellow July to Aug	24-36"	MW, W	full sun to part shade	Unusual plant with attractive yellowish foliage and sweet fragrance when crushed. Forms beautiful clumps on lake margins. Great for water gardens.	•		
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i> Swamp Milkweed	Lavender June to Aug	36-48"	M, MW, W	full sun to part shade	Showy plant of moist to wet habitats. Host plant for monarch butterflies, very good nectar source for butterflies and hummingbirds. Great for lake edges.	•	•	
<i>Aster novae-angliae</i> New England Aster	Blue Aug to Oct	36-60"	MD, M, MW, W	full sun to part shade	Nice perennial for moist to wet habitats. Commonly used as a garden perennial and for wet lake-edge plantings. Nectar source for butterflies.	•	•	
<i>Aster puniceus</i> Swamp Aster	Purple Aug to Oct	36-56"	MW, W	full sun to part shade	Common, showy aster of lake edges, swamps, bogs, and fens. Occurs throughout MN and WI.	•		
<i>Aster umbellatus</i> Flat-topped Aster	White July to Aug	30-42"	M, MW, W	full sun to full shade	White heads held in a broad terminal cluster. Common plant of moist to wet lake edges and moist to mesic forests. Great butterfly plant and cutflower. Ranges throughout MN and WI.	•	•	
<i>Caltha palustris</i> Marsh Marigold	Yellow May to June	12-18"	MW, W	part sun to shade	Harbinger of spring. Usually associated with peaty ground and some flowing water, but can be planted on any wet ground. <u>Great for pond edges.</u>		3"	
<i>Chelone glabra</i> Turtlehead	White July to Oct	24-36"	MW, W	full sun to part shade	Spikes of showy turtle-shaped flowers atop glossy dark green foliage. Nice for gardens and lake edge restorations. Widespread in MN and WI.	•		
<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i> Spotted Joe-Pye Weed	Purple July to Sept	48-60"	MW, W	full sun to part shade	Good lake edge perennial with broad flat-topped clusters of purple heads. Excellent butterfly plant. Ranges throughout MN and WI.	•	•	
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i> Boneset	White June to Aug	36-48"	MW, W	full sun to part shade	Nice lake edge plants with flat-topped cluster of white heads. Very nice purplish foliage with opposite fused leaves. Used medicinally to hasten healing of bones. Ranges throughout MN and WI.	•		
<i>Euthamia graminifolia</i> Grass-leaved Goldenrod	Yellow July to Sept	30-48"	MD, M, MW, W	Full sun	This plant is not really a goldenrod but is an excellent source of pollen for bees. Can be somewhat spreading and aggressive but is very adaptable to a variety of soil moisture conditions and good for restorations.	•	•	
<i>Helenium autumnale</i> Sneezeweed	Yellow July to Oct	36-48"	MW, W	full sun to shade	Sneezeweed won't make you sneeze - it was used as an expectorant by Native Americans. Gaillardia-like heads in abundance. Good butterfly plant.	•		
<i>Iris versicolor</i> Northern Blue Flag Iris	Blue June to July	24-36"	M, MW, W	full to part sun	Common on lake margins throughout northern WI and MN. Very attractive, forming large clumps. Some consider this to be synonymous with <i>Iris virginica</i> .	•	•	
<i>Liatris spicata</i> Marsh Blazing Star	Purple July to Aug	24-36"	M, MW, W	full to part sun	Most common liatris for perennial gardening. Grows well in any condition. Perfect pollinator plant. Native into SE WI. Moist to wet soils.	•	•	
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> Cardinal Flower	Red July to Oct	36-48"	MW, W	full sun to part shade	Showy spikes of red flowers are the best for attracting hummingbirds. Suited to moist soils particularly along waterways. Native through most of WI.	•	•	
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i> Great Blue Lobelia	Blue July to Oct	20-30"	M, MW, W	full sun to part shade	Widely adapted to wet and moist soils. Vivid blue and white-striped flowers in terminal spikes. Compact and well suited to perennial gardens.	•	•	
<i>Mimulus ringens</i> Monkeyflower	Lavender July to Sept	18-24"	MW, W	full sun to part shade	Lavender spikes of 1" snapdragon flowers that look like small monkeys. Compact plants. Excellent for lakescaping.	•	•	
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i> Obedient Plant	Pink July to Oct	24-36"	M, MW, W	full sun to part shade	Popular garden perennial native to moist prairies, lakeside and streamside wetlands.	•		

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<i>Verbena hastata</i> Blue Vervain	Blue June to Sept	48-60"	M, MW, W	full sun to part shade	Tall spikes of blue flowers really attract butterflies. Great for shoreland restorations on mesic to saturated soils. Throughout MN and WI.	•		

Grasses, sedges, and rushes

<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i> Blue Joint Reedgrass	Straw July to Aug	36-48"	M, MW, W	full sun to part shade	Fine-leaved grass forms a dense cover on lake margins. One of the grasses displaced by reed canary grass and a good one to plant after nuking RCG. Purplish foliage.	•		
<i>Carex bicknellii</i> Bicknell's Sedge	Tan May to June	12-24"	MD, M, MW	full to part sun	Sedge adapted to habitats ranging from dry to moist, usually on rocky, gravelly soil. Forms nice clumps. Found throughout southern 2/3 of MN and WI.	•		
<i>Carex comosa</i> Bottlebrush Sedge	Green May to June	24-42"	MW, W	full sun to part shade	Beautiful clumps of yellowish stems on lake margins. Nodding flower spikes look like a bottlebrush. Excellent for restorations and water gardens.	•		
<i>Carex crinita</i> Caterpillar Sedge	Green May to June	30-42"	MW, W	full sun to part shade	Clump-forming. 4" nodding spikes resemble a caterpillar. Very nice for wet site restorations and for water gardens. Excellent for control of shoreland erosion.	•		
<i>Carex gracillima</i> Graceful Sedge	Green May to June	18-30"	MW, W	full sun to full shade	Clump forming plant of mesic to moist forests throughout MN and WI. Attractive nodding flower spikes.	•	•	
<i>Carex hystricina</i> Porcupine Sedge	Green May to June	24-42"	MW, W	full sun to part shade	Very similar to <i>Carex comosa</i> . Very attractive plants for shoreland restorations and water gardening.	•		
<i>Carex lupulina</i> Hop Sedge	Green May to June	24-42"	MW, W	full sun to part shade	Flower spikes resemble hops clusters. Stout-stemmed clump former of a wide variety of wet habitats, including shady swamps. Very good for shady rain gardens.	•		
<i>Carex stipata</i> Awl Fruit Sedge	Green May to June	16-40"	MW, W	full sun to full shade	Common, coarse clump forming sedge found in a wide variety of wet habitats throughout MN and WI. Very good fast grower. Shade tolerant species.	•		
<i>Carex stricta</i> Tussock Sedge	Green May to June	24-36"	MW, W	full sun to part shade	Forms dense clumps of closely clustered fine stems in a variety of wetlands and lake margins. Good shoreland and water garden plant.	•		
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i> Fox Sedge	Green May to June	18-30"	MD, M, MW, W	full sun to part shade	Beautiful clump-forming sedge of lake and wetland margins. Very attractive multi-tiered flower spikes persist through the summer and into the fall.	•	•	
<i>Glyceria canadensis</i> Rattlesnake Manna Grass	Green July to Aug	36"	MW, W	full to part shade	A cool-season grass with distinct showy seed heads. Great for addint texture and interest to wet restorations.	•		
<i>Glyceria striata</i> Fowl Manna Grass	Green July to Aug	24-36"	M, MW, W	full sun to full shade	Low clump forming grass common next to small pools in swamps, in moist to seasonally wet forests, and along waterways.	•		
<i>Juncus effusus</i> Soft Rush	Brown July to Aug	24-48"	M, MW, W	full sun to part shade	Deep green wirey stems in large clumps along waterways and in a variety of wetlands. Evergreen plants remain attractive into winter.	•		
<i>Juncus tenuis</i> Path Rush	Brown June to July	to 16"	D, MD, M, MW	full sun to part shade	Very common, widespread plant of wet places throughout MN and WI. Nice for restoration site margins. Easy to grow. Forms attractive clumps.	•		
<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i> Green Bulrush	Brown June to July	36-48"	MW, W	full sun to part shade	Coarse clump forming plant with nice clusters of small brown heads. Suitable for wet shoreland zones.	•		
<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i> Wool Grass	Brown June to July	36-48"	MW, W	full sun to part shade	Coarse clump former with brown fuzzy heads that appear wooly. One of the most common lake edge species throughout the region.	•		
<i>Spartina pectinata</i> Prairie Cordgrass	Yellow Aug to Oct	48-72"	M, MW, W	full to part sun	Rhizomatous grass forming large clumps in sandy soil, usually near the water table, but sometimes under dry conditions. Common shoreland plant in northern WI and MN.	•		

Ferns

<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i> Sensitive Fern		12-24"	MW, W	part sun to full shade	Unusual fern with broad green fronds and separate brown fertile fronds that are attractive year-round. Good for water gardens.		3"	
<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i> Cinnamon Fern		24-36"	M, MW, W	full sun to full shade	Very sun tolerant if always moist as in a water garden. Nice semi-erect fronds. Fertile fronds emerge from center and look like a bunch of cinnamon sticks.		3"	
<i>Osmunda regalis</i> Royal Fern		24-36"	M, MW, W	full sun to full shade	Unique fern not even recognized as a fern by many. Excellent for lakescaping and water gardens. Highly attractive foliage.		3"	

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<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> Chokeberry	White May	to 6'	MD, M, MW, W	full sun to part shade	Very attractive spreading shrub. Nice clusters of white flowers followed by black berries. Deep red fall foliage. Excellent for wet lake edge plantings. Mesic to wet soil.			•
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> Buttonbush	White July to Aug	4-8'	MW, W	full sun to part shade	Unique tropical-looking shrub with glossy foliage and attractive flower clusters in summer. Native range limited to southeastern MN and southwestern WI.			•
<i>Comptonia peregrina</i> Sweet Fern	Brown April to May	1-2'	D, MD, M, MW, W	full sun to part shade	Very cool low shrub with serrated elongate leaves that look like fern leaflets. Very pleasant, fragrant spicy foliage had a number of traditional medicinal uses. One of the most under-rated native shrubs.			•
<i>Cornus sericea</i> (<i>stolonifera</i>) Red Osier Dogwood	White May to Aug	to 6'	M, MW, W	full sun to part shade	Very common in wetlands along lakes, streams, and rivers, particularly in the north. Red stems are beautiful in the winter. Mesic to wet soils.			•
<i>Ilex verticillata</i> Winterberry Holly	Greenish June	to 6'	M, MW, W	full sun to part shade	Gorgeous in winter. Female plants bear numerous red berries along stems. Excellent lake edge species, but also tolerates most upland soils. Plant at least four to ensure proper sex			•
<i>Spiraea alba</i> Meadowsweet	White June to Aug	3-4'	MW, W	full sun to part shade	Shrub that frequents lake margins on soil ranging from sand to peat and saturated to moderately dry. Very fast growing for habitat restoration. Great butterfly plant.			•
<i>Spiraea tomentosa</i> Steeplebush	Pink July to Aug	2.5- 3.5'	MW, W	full sun to part shade	Shrub of lake margins ranging from sandy to peaty. Beautiful tall spikes of pink flowers above attractive foliage. Fast growing for shoreland restoration. Good butterfly plant.			•
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i> Arrowwood Viburnum	White June	10-12'	M, MW, W	full sun to part shade	Glossy green toothed leaves. Dark purple berries in summer. Nice tall shrub for shoreland planting or as a hedge. Mesic to wet soils.			•
<i>Viburnum lentago</i> Nannyberry	White June	10-15'	M, MW, W	full sun to part shade	Tall shrub with excellent purple fall foliage. Blue-black berries are very tasty fresh or in jam. Great bird cover and forage. Mesic to wet soils.			•
<i>Viburnum trilobum</i> Highbush Cranberry	White June	10-12'	M, MW, W	full sun to part shade	Forms tall dense clusters with maple-like lobed leaves. Broad clusters of flowers followed by red berries that persist through winter for beauty and birds.			•
Trees								
<i>Betula nigra</i> River Birch	Brown April to May	60-90'	M, MW, W	full sun to part shade	Cinnamon to reddish peeling bark. Long lived and disease resistant. A very nice tree for shoreland restorations on mesic to wet soils.			•
<i>Betula papyrifera</i> Paper Birch	Brown April to May	to 80'	MD, M, MW, W	full sun to part shade	Loved for its white, peeling bark. Gorgeous in clumps on soils ranging from dry to wet. Widely adapted, found throughout the region.			•
<i>Larix laricina</i> Tamarack (American Larch)	none	40-60'	MW, W	full sun to part shade	The only deciduous native conifer. Soft, light-green needles turn a beautiful gold in fall. One of last to lose leaves. Excellent for lake edge planting as well as in the landscape. Tolerates all but the driest soils.			•
<i>Quercus bicolor</i> Swamp White Oak	Yellow-Green May	50-60'	MD, M, MW, W	full sun	More tolerant of wet soils than any other oak, it also adapts well as a boulevard or shade tree in your average yard. Very similar to White Oak.			•
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> Eastern White Cedar	none	to 50'	M, MW, W	full sun to part shade	Tree from which many ornamental Arbor Vitae shrubs are selected. Forms an attractive pyramid-shaped tree. Good evergreen privacy screen. Valuable wildlife cover.			•

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