



DRAGONFLY GARDENS

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Part Sun/Part Shade
 Medium to Wet Soil
 Woodland Edge

AVAILABILITY, SIZE and PRICE subject to change.

| | Flowers | Ht. | Moisture | Light | Description | 2" Pot | 4" Pot | 6" Pot + |
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| 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>Anemone canadensis</i> Canada Anemone | White May to July | 12-24" | M, MW | full sun to part shade | Fine, showy clump-forming plant of mesic to moist prairies, forest margins and woodlands. | • | | |
| <i>Aster lateriflorus</i> Calico Aster | White Aug to Oct | 24" | MD, M, MW | Full sun to shade | Good for short-height restorations in a variety of soil and light conditions. It is an abundant late-season food source for bees. | • | • | |
| <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>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. Great for pond edges. | | 3" | |
| <i>Campanula americana</i> Tall Bellflower | Blue July to Oct | 36-60" | MD, M, MW | part sun to part shade | A biennial so grows quickly and flowers the first or second year and then self-seeds. Tall spires of violet-blue flowers good for quick color in partially shaded restorations and a variety of soil conditions except very dry. | • | | |
| <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>Fragaria vesca</i> Woodland Strawberry | White May to June | 6-10" | MD, M, MW | full sun to shade | Attractive groundcover that grows rapidly. A must for the woodland restoration. Sweet tasting red fruits in June are a bonus. Ranges throughout the world in northern latitudes including all of MN and WI. | | 3" | |
| <i>Fragaria virginiana</i> Wild Strawberry | White May to June | 6" | D, MD, M, MW | full sun to shade | Stoloniferous spreading groundcover bears delicious fruit. Found throughout MN and WI ranging from prairies to forests. Widely adapted to dry, moist or even wet soils. | • | • | |
| <i>Galium boreale</i> Northern Bedstraw | White June to July | 16-24" | MD, M, MW, W | full sun to full shade | Common understory species of northern forests in MN & WI. Easy to grow on mesic to dry soils. | • | • | |
| <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>Heliopsis helianthoides</i> False/Early Sunflower | Yellow June to Oct | 48-60" | MD, M, MW | full to part sun | Widespread on dry to wet soils. Long flowering period. Suited to all but very shady restoration sites. Commonly used as a garden perennial. | • | • | |
| <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>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>Mertensia virginiana</i> Virginia Bluebells | Blue May to June | 18-24" | M, MW | part to full shade | Clusters of bell-shaped blue flowers in spring. Nice woodland wildflower. Dies back by midsummer, but are plantable while dormant. | | 3" | |

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| <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. | • | | |
| <i>Rudbeckia subtomentosa</i> Sweet Black Eyed Susan | Yellow July to Sept | 24-36" | MD, M, MW | full to part sun | Very attractive yellow heads in profusion atop deep green glossy leaves. Good for restorations and perennial gardens. Native into SW WI. | • | • | • |
| <i>Rudbeckia triloba</i> Brown Eyed Susan | Yellow July to Oct | 36-60" | MD, M, MW | full sun to part shade | Outstanding coneflower with numerous heads which are smaller than other species, but more abundant. Very nice foliage. Should be grown more widely in perennial beds. <u>Mesic to wet soils</u> | • | • | |
| <i>Smilacina racemosa</i> False Solomon Seal | White May to June | 18-24" | MD, M, MW | full to part shade | Two-foot tall leafy stemmed lily with a terminal cluster of small white flowers, each of which becomes a red berry. Found <u>throughout forest supporting regions of MN and WI.</u> | | | 3" |
| <i>Trillium grandiflorum</i> Trillium | White May | 8-12" | M, MW | part shade to shade | Spectacular 2" white 3-petaled flowers in May. This harbinger of spring will let you know that winter is finally over! <u>Widespread in WI and MN forests.</u> | | | 3" |
| <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. <u>Throughout MN and WI.</u> | • | | |
| <i>Vernonia fasciculata</i> Ironweed | Rose-Pink July to Sept | 48-60" | M, MW | full sun to part shade | Broad, flat clusters of pink heads to 5" across. Very attractive to butterflies. Good in moist to wet soils for lake edge landscaping. <u>Wide ranging in MN and WI.</u> | • | • | |
| <i>Veronicastrum virginianum</i> Culver's Root | White June to Sept | 36-60" | MD, M, MW | full sun to part shade | Several tall showy spikes on top of each stem make this an excellent tall garden perennial. Attracts butterflies. Good in <u>most soils except extremely dry.</u> | • | • | |
| <i>Zizia aurea</i> Golden Alexanders | Yellow May to July | 18-30" | MD, M, MW | full sun to part shade | Early-flowering plant of mesic to moist habitats with 3" flat-topped heads of yellow flowers. Seed heads that follow are <u>attractive throughout the year.</u> | • | • | |

Grasses, sedges, and rushes

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| <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. <u>Purplish foliage.</u> | • | | |
| <i>Carex bebbii</i> Bebb's Sedge | Green May to June | 24-36" | M, MW | full sun to part shade | Forms dense clumps on moist to saturated soil. Very common in most wetland areas throughout 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 <u>and water gardens.</u> | • | | |
| <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. <u>Excellent for control of shoreland erosion.</u> | • | | |
| <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. <u>Attractive nodding flower spikes.</u> | • | • | |
| <i>Carex hystericina</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 <u>swamps. Very good for shady rain gardens.</u> | • | | |
| <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. <u>Shade tolerant species.</u> | • | | |
| <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 <u>water garden plant.</u> | • | | |
| <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 <u>summer and into the fall.</u> | • | • | |
| <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 <u>waterways.</u> | • | | |
| <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 <u>into winter.</u> | • | | |
| <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. <u>Forms attractive clumps.</u> | • | | |
| <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. | • | | |

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| <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. | | | |
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Ferns

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| <i>Onclea 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" | |

Shrubs

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| <i>Amelanchier laevis</i> Serviceberry / Juneberry | White April to May | to 12' | D, MD, M, MW | full sun to part shade | One of the earliest flowering shrubs. Stays lower with pruning. Bears bluish purple berries that are edible and attractive to wildlife. Dry to moist soils. | | | • |
| <i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> Chokeberry | White May | to 6' | MD, M, MW, W | full to part sun | 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 underrated 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>Hammemalis virginiana</i> Witch Hazel | Yellow October | 15' | M, MW | part to full shade | Fall flowering shrub with attractive foliage. Suitable for mesic to moist forest sites. Highly recommended for woodland restoration. | | | • |
| <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 ratio. | | | • |
| <i>Sambucus canadensis</i> Wild Elderberry | White June to July | 6-12' | MD, M, MW | full to part sun | Fast-growing shrub tolerant of mesic to wet soils. White flower clusters are followed by deep purple berries. Very attractive and good in jam and wine. | | | • |
| <i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i> Lowbush Blueberry | White May to June | 6-18" | MD, M, MW | full sun to shade | Yummy, fruit-producing, sprawling plants that grow in a range of habitats ranging from dry, sandy pine barrens to saturated peatlands. Wide-ranging in MN and WI. | | | • |
| <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

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| <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>Ostrya virginiana</i> Ironwood/ Hophornbeam | Yellow May to June | 15-50' | MD, M, MW | full sun to shade | Slender small tree of sugar maple/basswood forests. Attractive platey bark and very hard wood. Inconspicuous flowers give rise to a hop-like cluster of fruits that persist into the winter. | | | • |
| <i>Picea glauca</i> White Spruce | none | 50-75' | M | full sun to part shade | Climax species of the northern deciduous/conifer forests into the northern boreal forests. Very attractive tree for restoration and landscaping. | | | • |
| <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. | | | • |