

Aquatic Plants

Floating

These plants do not need soil. Their roots hang in the water while their leaves and flowers float on the surface. The shade they offer restrains algae's growth and their roots provide fish with spawning beds and protection for newborn.

EICHHORNIA CRASSIPES

ZONE: 9



Water Hyacinth

Clusters of pale lavender flowers bloom on raised spikes. The shiny green foliage has swollen leaf bases. Water hyacinth is an efficient water purifier and also balances water pH. Although invasive, it's easily controlled by scooping out excess.

BLOOM TIME: July

FLOWER COLOR: Purple

PISTIA STATIOTES

ZONE: 9



Water Lettuce

Pale green foliage resembling lettuce has an interesting texture. Likes heat and humidity. Spreads quickly.

BLOOM TIME:

FLOWER COLOR:

Marginal

Marginal plants grow in wet soil or in shallow water along pond edges. Plant in containers with heavy soil and place in pond with pot rims 2 to 4" below waterline. As plants become taller, you can lower pots to the maximum depth recommended for each kind of plant. Plants can be planted directly in wet soil along the pond's edge. Beware! Some marginal plants will spread rapidly if not contained in pots.

ACORUS CALAMUS

ZONE: 4



Variegated Sweet Flag

'Variegatus'

White and green variegated iris-like foliage. Does well in either wet or dry locations. Plant in wet soil or water up to 5" deep. Excellent choice for the water garden.

BLOOM TIME:

FLOWER COLOR:

CALTHA PALUSTRIS**ZONE:** 5*Marsh Marigold*

Large golden-yellow buttercup-like flowers on mounds of shiny round leaves. Foliage dies back in midsummer. Grow on banks or in containers barely covered by water.

BLOOM TIME: Apr - May**FLOWER COLOR:** Yellow

CANNA**ZONE:** 7*Bronze Water Cana*

'Australis'

One of the most attractive cannas with dark burgundy leaves. Bright red flowers of average size. Great for contrast or focal point. Very easy to grow. Plant in up to 4" of water

BLOOM TIME:**FLOWER COLOR:** Red

CAREX ELATA**ZONE:** 5*Golden Sedge*

'Aurea'

Bright golden blades with a soft arching habit will brighten up a shady or semi-shady spot.

BLOOM TIME:**FLOWER COLOR:**

COLOCASIA ESCULENTA SP.**ZONE:** 10*Taro*

'Black Magic'

Tropical plant admired for deep purple foliage. Rarely flowers. Water depth 1 to 6" over top of pot.

BLOOM TIME:**FLOWER COLOR:**

CYPERUS ALTERNIFOLIUS**ZONE:** 10*Umbrella Palm*

Tall umbrella-like green foliage, with pompom-like seed heads. Needs water depth of 1-8" over pot.

BLOOM TIME: Summer**FLOWER COLOR:** Brown

DULICHIMUM ARUDINACEUM**ZONE:** 5*Dwarf Water Bamboo*

This dwarf bamboo is right at home in the water garden. Beautifully textured foliage will add an oriental feel to your pond.

BLOOM TIME:

FLOWER COLOR:

EQUISETUM JAPONICUA

ZONE: 4



Horsetail Rush

One of the oldest known plants. Tubular-jointed green stems. Do not submerge until well established.

BLOOM TIME:

FLOWER COLOR:

IRIS VERSICOLOR

ZONE: 4



Blue Flag Iris

Violet-blue flowers with purple veins above sword-like leaves. Does well in boggy conditions or under 1-2" of water.

BLOOM TIME: May - June

FLOWER COLOR: Blue

LOBELIA CARDINALIS

ZONE: 3



Cardinal Flower

Striking dark scarlet flowers on tall spikes. Prefers moist soil but not flooded conditions.

BLOOM TIME: Summer

FLOWER COLOR: Red

MUSA

ZONE: 6



Hardy Banana Tree

'Basjoo'

The hardiest of Banana plants. It also produces fruit. We recommend mulching to protect from frost and heaving. Keep moist rather than wet.

BLOOM TIME:

FLOWER COLOR:

Dwarf Cavendish

Tropical dwarf banana with exotic broad green leaves. Great as specimen for back or edge of water garden. Plant in up to 4" of water.

BLOOM TIME:

FLOWER COLOR:

PONTERIA CORDATA

ZONE: 5



Pickerel Rush

Spikes of purple flowers with lance-shaped leaves. In the north, grow in water 12" deep to ensure winter hardiness.

BLOOM TIME: July

FLOWER COLOR: Purple

SCIRPUS TABERNAEMONTANI

ZONE: 3



Zebra Rush

ZEBRINUS

Tall tubular foliage horizontally striped green and white. Forms brown seed spikelets at tips in summer. Prefers water depth of 4"-24" over top of pot.

BLOOM TIME:

FLOWER COLOR:

TULBAGHIA VIOL.

ZONE: 9



Society Garlic

VARIEGATA

Blue-green and cream striped grassy leaves with loose lavender flower umbels.

BLOOM TIME:

FLOWER COLOR: Purple

TYPHA LATIFOLIA

ZONE: 4



Variegated Cattail

'Variegata'

Captivating green and white striped leaves. Cinnamon brown cattails create a stunning accent. Slower growth than other varieties.

BLOOM TIME:

FLOWER COLOR:

ZANTEDESCHIA AETHIOPICA

ZONE: 6



Calla Lily

Although not hardy it's well worth the effort to grow it in your pond. Gracefull large white Calla flowers cover the plant all summer. Gorgeous glossy green foliage.

BLOOM TIME:

FLOWER COLOR: White

Submerged

Submerged plants are distinguished by their foliage, which may be fernlike, hair-like, lacy or long-leafed. The roots of these plants are anchored in the soil but their delicate foliage stays under water rather than on the surface. These plants are frequently referred to as oxygenating plants. They are vital in balancing the ecology of a pond by using up excess nutrients. These plants also provide food and spawning areas for fish.

MYRIOPHYLLUM AQUATICA

ZONE: 5



Parrot's Feather

Has a graceful feathery appearance with blue green foliage with red stems. Will creep along surface in shallow ponds. Good oxygenating plant. Can also be used as floating plant.

BLOOM TIME:

FLOWER COLOR: