

Native Iowa Plants Suitable for Raingardens

<i>Acorus</i>	<i>calamus</i>	sweet flag	1-3 ft	do not confuse with blue flag iris	grass-like leaves
<i>Allium</i>	<i>cernuum</i>	nodding onion	1-2 ft	mod moist soil	grass-like leaves
<i>Anemone</i>	<i>canadensis</i>	Canada anemone	1-2 ft	mod moist soil	forb
<i>Asclepias</i>	<i>incarnata</i>	swamp milkweed	3-5 ft	moist to mod dry soil	forb
<i>Caltha</i>	<i>palustris</i>	marsh marigold	2-3 ft	moist	forb
<i>Carex</i>	<i>vulpinoidea</i>	brown fox sedge	1-3 ft	moderately moist soils	grass-like leaves
<i>Carex</i>	<i>stipata</i>	common fox sedge	1-3 ft	moist soil	grass-like leaves
<i>Carex</i>	<i>comosa</i>	bottlebrush sedge, bristly s.	1-2 ft	moist	grass-like leaves
<i>Carex</i>	<i>grisea</i>	wood gray sedge	1-2 ft	mod moist	grass-like leaves
<i>Carex</i>	<i>interior</i>	prairie star sedge	1-3 ft	mod moist soil	grass-like leaves
<i>Carex</i>	<i>scoparia</i>	broom sedge	1-3 ft	mod moist soil	grass-like leaves
<i>Chelone</i>	<i>glabra</i>	turtlehead	3-4 ft	wetter sites	forb
<i>Clematis</i>	<i>virginiana</i>	virgin's bower	vine	mod moist soil, some shade	forb
<i>Eleocharis</i>	<i>palustris</i>	great spike rush	1-2 ft	moist	grass-like leaves
<i>Elymus</i>	<i>virginicus</i>	Virginia wild rye	2-4 ft	mod moist soil	grass
<i>Eupatorium</i>	<i>perfoliatum</i>	boneset	3-4 ft	moist soil	forb
<i>Eupatorium</i>	<i>maculatum</i>	joe-pye weed	4-6 ft	moist soils	forb
<i>Eupatorium</i>	<i>purpureum</i>	savanna joe-pye weed	4-6 ft	moist soils, some shade	forb
<i>Filipendula</i>	<i>rubra</i>	queen of the prairie	3-5 ft	moist soils	forb
<i>Helenium</i>	<i>autumnale</i>	sneezeweed	2-5 ft.	moderately moist soils	forb
<i>Hypericum</i>	<i>pyramidatum</i>	great St. John's wort	4-6 ft	mod moist soils	forb
<i>Hypericum</i>	<i>virginicum</i>	marsh St. John's wort	1-2 ft	moist soils	forb
<i>Hystrix</i>	<i>patula</i>	bottlebrush grass	3 ft	wetter areas, some shade	grass
<i>Iris</i>	<i>virginica</i>	blue flag iris	2-3 ft	moist soil	grass-like leaves
<i>Juncus</i>	<i>torreyi</i>	Torrey's rush	1-2 ft	mod moist soil	grass-like leaves
<i>Juncus</i>	<i>effusus</i>	common rush	2-4 ft	mod moist soil	grass-like leaves
<i>Liatris</i>	<i>scariosa</i>	northern blazing star	1-4 ft	mod moist soils	forb
<i>Liatris</i>	<i>spicata</i>	marsh blazing star	3-4 ft	moist soils, may flop when flowering	forb
<i>Liatris</i>	<i>pycnostachya</i>	prairie blazing star	2-5 ft	moist soils	forb
<i>Liatris</i>	<i>ligulistylis</i>	meadow blazing star	3-5 ft	moderately moist soils	forb
<i>Lilium</i>	<i>michiganense</i>	michigan lily	3-7 ft	moist soils	forb
<i>Lobelia</i>	<i>cardinalis</i>	cardinal flower	2-3 ft	med to moist soils, flowers add another ft	forb
<i>Lobelia</i>	<i>siphilitica</i>	great blue lobelia	2-4 ft	moist to moderately dry soils	forb
<i>Ludwigia</i>	<i>alternifolia</i>	seedbox	1-3 ft	wonderful dried seed pods	forb
<i>Mimulus</i>	<i>ringens</i>	monkey flower	1-3 ft	moist soils	forb
<i>Phlox</i>	<i>divaricata</i>	wild blue phlox/woodland b.ph.	0.5-2 ft	needs a bit of shade	forb
<i>Phlox</i>	<i>glaberrima</i>	marsh phlox/smooth phlox	1-3 ft	full sun	forb

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<i>Phlox</i>	<i>maculata</i>	wild sweet William/meadow ph.	3-Jan	mod moist	forb
<i>Pycnanthemum</i>	<i>virginianum</i>	mountain mint	1-3 ft	moist soil	forb
<i>Scirpus</i>	<i>atrovirens</i>	dark green bulrush	3-5 ft	moist	grass-like leaves
<i>Spirea</i>	<i>alba</i>	meadowsweet	2-5 ft	moist soil	forb
<i>Thalictrum</i>	<i>dasycarpum</i>	purple meadow rue	5-7 ft	moist soils	forb
<i>Tradescantia</i>	<i>ohioensis</i>	ohio spiderwort	2-3 ft	mod moist soils	grass-like leaves
<i>Vernonia</i>	<i>fasciculata</i>	iron weed	4-6 ft	moderately moist soils	forb
<i>Veronicastrum</i>	<i>virginicum</i>	Culver's root	3-6 ft	mod moist soils	forb
<i>Zizia</i>	<i>aurea</i>	golden alexanders	1-3 ft	yellow dill-like flower, mod moist soil	forb
<i>Zizia</i>	<i>aptera</i>	heart leaved alexanders	1-3 ft	mod moist soil	forb

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