



# POND PLANTS

What You'll Need:	
Essential Items	Desirable Items
Beneficial Bacteria	Aquatic Plant Fertilizer
Algaecides	Aquatic Plant Soil
Pump/ Waterfall	

To winter-over plants with a zone rating of 5 or lower, place container in the bottom of the pond – where the crown won't freeze.

Plants zone rated higher than 5 should be considered as an annual, although many can be brought into an area that won't freeze and keep moist.

*Acorus calamamus variegata*      **Variegated Sweet Flag**  
**Zone: 4 Height: 2'-3'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 6"**  
**Bloom: Spring-Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**  
 Upright sword-like leaves with striking cream and green-striped variegation.

*Acorus gramineus 'Ogon'*      **Ogon Sweet Flag**  
**Zone: 7 Height: 1'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 1"**  
**Bloom: Spring-Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**  
 Low growing grass-like plant with green and pale gold striping. Yellow flowers are inconspicuous.

*Alternanthera rubra*      **Ruby Creeper**  
**Zone: 9 Height: 3"**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 1"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**  
 Tropical foliage plant with maroon leaves. Excellent trailing habit which accents borders and containers. Inconspicuous flowers.

*Bacopa caroliniana*      **Lemon Bacopa**  
**Zone: 9 Height: 2-4"**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 1"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**  
 Semi-tropical with lemon scent and bright blue flowers all summer. Trailing habit.

*Baldellia ranunculoides repens*      **Siberian Pink Cups**  
**Zone: 7 Height: 6"**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 6"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Delicate half-inch pink blossoms adorn ten-inch tufts of foliage all summer long. Excellent for water bowls or pond edges.

*Baumea rubiginosa*      **Golden Sword**  
**Zone: 7 Height: 1 ½ -2'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 6"**  
**Bloom: None**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Tall narrow spikes of green foliage with a distinctive vertical band of gold running up each blade. Usually evergreen to zone 8.

*Butomus umbellatus*      **Flowering Rush**  
**Zone: 3-11 Height: 2'-3'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 3-5"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Part/Full Sun**

Narrow leaves grow to 3' long. Pink umbel flowers with onion-like foliage in summer. Place in shallow water.

*Caltha palustris*      **Yellow Marsh Marigold**  
**Zone: 5 Height: 1'-2'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 6"**  
**Bloom: Spring-Fall**  
**Exposure: Part/Full Shade**

Single yellow flowers. Deep green leaves with scalloped edges. Plant in cool, shady location for continuous bloom.

*Carex  
obnupta*

**Slough Sedge**

**Zone: 4 Height: 3'-4'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 6"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full Sun**

Arching, grassy leaves with dark brown seed heads. Semi-evergreen. Native of the Pacific Northwest.

*Cyperus  
alternifolius*

**Umbrella Palm**

**Zone: 8 Height: 4'-6'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 10"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Parasols of ribbon-like leaves splayed around the tips of tall bare stems contrast small wheat colored flowers. Do not allow crown to freeze. Superb houseplant.

*Cyperus  
alternifolius  
'Gracilis'*

**Dwarf Umbrella Palm**

**Zone: 11 Height: 2'-3'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 6"**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Parasols of ribbon-like leaves splayed around the tips of tall bare stems contrast with small wheat colored flowers.

*Cyperus  
haspen  
viviparus*

**Dwarf Papyrus**

**Zone: 10 Height: 1'-2'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 6"**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Tropical plant with fine, thread-like foliage held above bare stems. Miniature of the Egyptian Papyrus.

*Dulichium  
arundinaceum*

**Dwarf Bamboo**

**Zone: 6 Height: 1'-2'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 4"**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

This feathery, bamboo-like plant is not overly invasive. Good for low screening and as an accent plant in tub gardens.

*Echinodorus  
cordifolia  
'Marble  
Queen'*

**Marble Queen  
Sword Plant**

**Zone: 6 Height: 2'-3'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 12"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Large oval leaves mottled with green and yellow. Flowers reminiscent of apple blossoms in spring.

*Echinodorus  
muricatus*

**Radican Sword**

**Zone: 6 Height: 2'-3'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 12"**  
**Bloom: Summer-Fall**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Leaves are large, showy, and deeply veined. Small, white flowers on long runners resemble apple blossoms.

*Eriophorum  
angustifolium*

**Cottongrass**

**Zone: 4 Height: 1'-2'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 1"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full Sun**

Narrow grass-like blades of light green. Produces soft white cottony tufts. Motion and form enhanced by group plantings.

*Hibiscus  
moscheutos*

**Swamp Hibiscus**

**Zone: 5 Height: 4'-6'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 12"**  
**Bloom: Summer-Fall**  
**Exposure: Full Sun**

Serrated oval leaves. Large, showy flowers of red, pink, rose, or white. All accented with a deep rose-red throat. Start in shallow water, move deeper with maturity.

*Houttuynia  
cordata*

**Houttuynia**

**Zone: 5 Height: 1-1 1/2'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 3"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Aromatic green leaves are heart-shaped and edged in burgundy. Habit is low and mounding. Small white flowers.

*Houttuynia  
cordata  
variegata*

**Chameleon Plant**

**Zone: 5 Height: 1-1 1/2'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 3"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Heart-shaped leaves with swatches of red, green, and creamy white. Small white flowers add interest.

*Hydrocotyle  
sibthorpioides*

**Crystal Confetti  
Pennywort**

**Zone: 6 Height: 1"**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 1"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full Sun**

Forms dense carpet of scalloped, jade-green leaves edged in cream. Perfect for waterbowls, streambeds and/or waterfall borders.

*Hydrocotyle*

**Giant Pennywort***sp.*

**Zone: 5 Height: 1'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 3"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full Sun**

Excellent spreading groundcover. Bright, shining leaves of green with scalloped edges. Accented by tiny, white flowers.

*Iris louisiana*

**Iris Louisiana – Mixed Varieties**  
**Zone: 6 Height: 1'-2'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 6"**  
**Bloom: Spring**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Popular among beardless species for their variation in form and broad color range. Group plantings yield best effect.

*Iris louisiana*  
 'Black Gamecock'

**Black Gamecock Iris**  
**Zone: 5 Height: 1'-2'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 6"**  
**Bloom: Spring**  
**Exposure: Full Sun**

Deep blue-black falls with purple standards showcase golden signals. The most popular variety of Louisiana.

*Iris pseudacorus*

**Yellow Flag Iris**  
**Zone: 5 Height: 4'-5'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 12"**  
**Bloom: Spring-Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Parrot green leaves accent stunning yellow flowers. Noted for its toughness, vigor and size. Prolific bloomer.

*Iris versicolor*

**Versicolor Blue Iris**  
**Zone: 4 Height: 1'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 6"**  
**Bloom: Spring**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Narrow gray-green leaves. Falls are slate-blue with some yellow blotching at the base. Clump-forming habit.

*Juncus***Carmen's Japanese *carmens* Rush**

**Zone: 3-9 Height: 2'-3'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 6"**  
**Bloom: Spring-Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Fine textured rush with bright green foliage. Blooms of delicate creamy yellow flowers. Tan seed cluster style flowers.

*Juncus effusus*

**Soft Rush**

**Zone: 3 Height: 2'-3'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 6"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Slender, hollow bright green stems. Golden brown seed heads. Stabilizes banks. Evergreen in milder climates.

*Juncus effusus*  
 'Spiralis'

**Corkscrew Rush**

**Zone: 3 Height: 1 1/2'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 6"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Curiously contorted with loose ringlets of dark green, needle-like foliage. Striking evergreen makes excellent accent at pond's edge.

*Juncus patens*

**Blue Spreading Rush**

**Zone: 3 Height: 1'-2'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 3"**  
**Bloom: Spring**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Slender, hollow stems much admired for their distinctive blue-green color. Provides unique contrast year around.

*Juncus tenuis*

**Slender Rush**

**Zone: 3 Height: 1'-2'**  
**Max. Water Over Pt: 3"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full Sun**

Delicate green rush. Slender blades produce tan colored seed clusters in fall.

*Lindernia grandiflora*

**Blue Moneywort**

**Zone: 6 Height: 1'-3'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 0-2"**  
**Bloom: Spring-Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Blue and white flowers contrast brightly against dark green foliage. Requires shallow water. Spreads quickly.

*Lobelia  
cardinalis*

**Cardinal Flower**

**Zone: 3 Height: 2'-3'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 3"**  
**Bloom: Spring-Fall**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Late season bloomer. Upright stalks with trumpet-like blooms of vivid scarlet. Grows well in moist soil.

*Lobelia  
siphilitica*

**Blues Lobelia**

**Zone: 3 Height: 2'-3'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 0"**  
**Bloom: Summer-Fall**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Prolific bloomer with blue, trumpet-like flowers on tall stalks. Like moist soil. Young plants not tolerant of standing water.

*Lobelia  
speciosa*  
'Compliment'

**Mixed Color Lobelia**

**Zone: 3 Height: 2'-3'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 2"**  
**Bloom: Spring-Fall**  
**Exposure: Full Sun**

Trumpet-like flowers on tall stalks. Likes moist soil. Comes in a mixture of blue, red, and pink colored flowers.

*Lychnis  
flos-cuculi*

**Ragged Robin**

**Zone: 5 Height: 10'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 0"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full Sun**

Pink flowers resemble garden phlox riding high on wiry stems. Long slender strapping leaves resemble Robin's feet.

*Marsilea  
mutica*

**Water Clover**

**Zone: 6 Height: 1/2"**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 2"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Hardy four-leaf clover leaves float on water's surface. Excellent shade and protection for fish. Prolific grower.

*Marsilea  
quadrifolia*

**Upright Water Clover**

**Zone: 6 Height: 6"**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 3"**  
**Bloom: Spring-Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Low mounds of four-lobed leaves with reddish highlights. Softens transitions at ponds edge. Protective cover for fish.

*Mimulus  
guttatus*

**Yellow Monkey Flower**

**Zone: 5 Height: 1'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 0"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full Sun**

Northwest native. Snapdragon-like yellow flowers spattered with red. Blooms freely. Perfect plant for sunny banks along streams and ponds. Does not tolerate standing water.

*Mimulus  
ringens*

**Lavender Monkey Flower**

**Zone: 6-7 Height: 20-30"**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 6"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Profuse lavender flowers grace spikes of shiny green foliage. Flowers resemble little monkey faces.

*Myriophyllum  
aquaticum*

**Parrot's Feather**

**Zone: 6 Height: 3"**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 2"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Long trailing stems with fine, lacy foliage. Grows above and below water's surface. For best results place in containers.

*Myosotis  
scorpioides*

**Blue Water Forget-Me Not**

**Zone: 4 Height: 1'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 3"**  
**Bloom: Spring-Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Hardy water plant resembles the common garden variety. Creeping ground cover with small blue flowers.

*Myosotis  
scorpioides*

**White Forget-Me-Not**

'Snowflakes'  
**Zone: 4 Height: 1'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 3"**  
**Bloom: Spring-Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Hardy water plant resembles the common garden variety. Creeping ground cover with small white flowers.

*Pontaderia  
cordata*

**Purple Pickerelweed**

**Zone: 3 Height: 2'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 10"**  
**Bloom: Spring-Fall**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Shiny, deep green, lance-shaped leaves. Numerous flower spikes densely packed with showy deep blue petals. Do not allow crown to freeze during winter.

*Pontaderia  
cordata alba*

**White Pickerelweed**

**Zone: 3 Height: 2'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 10"**  
**Bloom: Spring-Fall**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Shiny, deep green, lance-shaped leaves. Numerous flower spikes densely packed with opaque white petals. Do not allow crown to freeze during winter.

*Ranunculus  
flammula*

**Small Creeping  
Spearwort**

**Zone: 3 Height: 6"**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 1"**  
**Bloom: Spring-Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Delicate yellow flowers dot long, slender leaves. Low and trailing habit. Good groundcover for pond's edge.

*Sagittaria  
gramineus*

**Narrow-Leaved  
Arrowhead**

**Zone: 4 Height: 2'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 9"**  
**Bloom: Spring-Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Long, narrow arrowhead-shaped leaves. Open, airy white, three petaled flowers. Oxygenating qualities benefit water quality.

*Sagittaria  
latifolia*

**Arrowhead**

**Zone: 4 Height: 2'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 6"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Native wetland plant. Bold and distinctive arrow-shaped leaves. White apple blossom-like flowers on long, arching stems. Will fade in late summer heat.

*Saururus  
cernuus*

**Lizard's Tail**

**Zone: 4 Height: 2'-3'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 6"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Deep green heart-shaped leaves. Gracefully arching spikes of tiny white flowers nod above foliage. Fragrant!

*Scirpus  
zebrinus*

**Zebra Rush**

**Zone: 3 Height: 4'-6'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 18"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Highly animated cream and green banding. Remove plain green stems as plant matures to ensure variegated form.

*Typha  
minima*

**Miniature Cattail**

**Zone: 3 Height: 1'-2'**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 6"**  
**Bloom: Spring-Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Unusually small variety. Fine blue-green grass-like leaves. Unique rounded cattails are 1" long. Good in smaller ponds.

*Wedelia  
trilobata*

**Water Zinnia**

**Zone: 9 Height: 6"**  
**Max. Water Over Pot: 3"**  
**Bloom: Summer**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Tropical bog plant with glossy green foliage. Showy gold zinnia-like flowers. Low spreading habit.

*Eichhornia  
crassipes*

**Water Hyacinth**

**Floating Plant**  
**Zone: 10**  
**Bloom: Summer-Fall**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Bulbous hollow leaves with occasional blooms of lavender, accented in yellow. Excellent water purifier and algae preventative.

*Elodea densa*

**Anacharis  
Submerged aquatic  
Zone: 5**

*Pistia  
stratoides*

**Water Lettuce**

**Floating plant**  
**Zone: 10**  
**Bloom: Summer-Fall**  
**Exposure: Full/Part Sun**

Tropical, free-floating aquatic. Velvety ribbed leaves form delicate, pale green rosettes. Resembles a cabbage plant. Excellent in shady ponds.

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