

Plant Selections for a Raingarden

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Tree Selections

Chionanthus virginicus

Common Name: American Fringe Tree, Grancy Gray Beard

Maximum Size: 20' Tall

Zone: 6-10

Light: Full Sun to Part Shade

Characteristics:

- White Fringe flowers in Spring (when the dogwoods and Azaleas are blooming)
- Fragrant
- Prefers moist, well-drained site, but can tolerate drought
- Deciduous
- Bird and Butterfly Attractant



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Magnolia virginiana

Common Name: Sweet Bay, Swamp Bay

Maximum Size: 40-60' Tall

Zone: 6-9

Light: Part Shade to Low Light

Characteristics:

- Native
- Large White flowers in Spring
- Fragrant
- Prefers Wet Sites, Bog Area Plant
- Evergreen (Silver back of Leaves)
- Red Berries in the Fall (Non-Edible)



Ilex vomitoria 'Fence Row' and GGL 'Cranberry'

Common Name: Winter Holly or Yaupon Holly

Maximum Size: 20' Tall on Average

Zone: 7-10

Light: Dense Shade to full Sun

Characteristics:

- White flowers in early Spring
- Need a Male and Female for Berries
- Red fruit in Winter (Non-Edible)
- Native
- Evergreen
- Bird and Butterfly Attractant
- Drought Tolerant





Large Shrub Selections

***Aronia arbutifolia* 'Brilliantissima'**

Common Name: Red Chokeberry

Maximum Size: 8' Tall

Zone: 5

Light: Full Sun to Part Shade

Characteristics:

- Native
- White flowers in May
- Red fruit in Fall through Spring
- Crimson fall foliage.
- Deciduous
- Edible, but very astringent
- Wildlife Attractant



Callicarpa americana

Common Name: American Beautyberry

Maximum Size: 6-8' Tall

Zone: 6-10

Light: Part Shade

Characteristics:

- Native
- Lilac flowers in Spring
- Purple fruit in Fall (Non-Edible)
- Deciduous
- Bird Attractant
- Extremely Drought Tolerant



Rhododendron serrulatum

Common Name: Swamp Azalea

Maximum Size: 8' Tall by 8' Wide

Zone: 4-9

Light: Light Shade

Characteristics:

- Latest Blooming **Native** Azalea
- White flowers
- Fragrant (Spice, -Clove Like)
- Like a wet/damp planting site
- Deciduous
- Bird and Butterfly Attractant
- Flame Red Foliage in the Fall.



Agarista populifolia

Common Name: Pipe Stem Leucothoe

Maximum Size: 10' Tall by 8' Wide

Zone: 6-9

Light: Full to Part Shade

Characteristics:

- Native
- Likes moist Acid Soil
- Bell Shaped White flowers in Spring
- Weeping Form
- Evergreen



Illicium floridanum 'Shady Lady'

Common Name: Florida Anise

Maximum Size: 7' Tall by 7' Wide

Zone: 6-9

Light: Sun to Part Shade

Characteristics:

- Native
- Pink (Very tiny) flowers in Spring
- Variegated foliage for this variety
- Evergreen
- Crushed leaves give a fragrance





Grasses or Perennial Selections

Chasmanthium latifolium

Common Name: Wood Oats or Wild Oats

Maximum Size: 2-5' Tall

Zone: 4-9

Light: Full Sun to Part Shade

Characteristics:

- Perennial clump-forming grass with wide leaves
- Clusters of flat, oatlike seedheads
- Grows Along Steams or Rivers
- Leaves and flowerheads turn a rich tan in autumn
and reddish-bronze by winter
- Will Spread by Rhizomes to 3 feet wide.



Indian Wood-oats (*Chasmanthium latifolium*) Jack Scheper © 2003 Floridata.com

Echinacea 'Adam Saul Crazy Pink'

Common Name: Crazy Pink Cone Flower

Maximum Size: 2' Tall by 2' Wide Clumps

Zone: 4-9

Light: Full Sun

Characteristics:

- Pink flowers starting in early Summer
 - More than 100 flowers per plant making it the most floriferous echinacea on the market
- Butterfly and Bird Attractant
- Medicinal value
- Drought and Heat Tolerant



Other Echinacea Varieties:

Echinacea 'Big Sky After Midnight'



Echinacea 'Summer Sky'



Echinacea 'Big Sky Harvest Moon'



Echinacea 'Big Sky Sundown'



Echinacea 'Big Sky Sunrise'



Echinacea 'Big Sky Twilight'



Eupatoriadelphus fistulosus

Common Name: Joe Pye Weed

Maximum Size: 3-7' Tall

Zone: 4-9

Light: Full sun

Characteristics:

- Maroon flowers in late summer
- Butterfly Attractant
- Best in a Moist Site



Hibiscus coccinea Red star hybrid

Common Name: Red Star Hibiscus

Maximum Size: 5' Tall

Zone: 8

Light: Full Sun

Characteristics:

- Red Flowers in Summer
- Naturally occurs in Swamps and Ditches
- Bird Attractant



Hibiscus coccinea x grandiflora 'Papa's'

Common Name: Papa's Hibiscus

Maximum Size: 5' Tall

Zone: 8

Light: Full Sun

Characteristics:

- Blooms all Summer
- Large Pink Flowers
- Bird Attractant



Iris tectorum 'Alba'

Common Name: Japanese Roof Iris

Maximum Size: 18" tall by 2' wide

Zone: 5-9

Light: Filtered Sun

Characteristics:

- Flowers white for two weeks in late spring to early summer.
- Drought Tolerant



Salvia uliginosa

Common Name: Sky Blue Sage

Maximum Size: 6' Tall by 2' Wide

Zone: 8-10

Light: Full Sun

Characteristics:

- Blue Flowers in Fall
- Deciduous
- Perennial
- Butterfly Attractant
- Tolerates Boggy Conditions
- Drought Tolerant

