

DISCLAIMER: Below is a list of plants that I found on the internet. I take no credit, nor any responsibility for anything listed below. But maybe you will find something below that will help you.

PLANTS TO FILTER YOUR POND

These plants are all excellent for filtering algae out of your pond water. They provide filtration wherever they are located in the pond, but they are more efficient if planted where there is some water flow. Use them in a stream, waterfall or biological filter, or in a bog that is designed to accommodate water plants.

Acorus calamus (Sweet Flag)
Acorus calamus 'Variegata' (Variegated Sweet Flag)
Alternanthera philoxeroides (Alligator Weed)
Bacopa lenagera (Variegated Lemon Bacopa)
Cyperus alternifolius (Umbrella Grass)
Cyperus owannii (Cosmic Cyperus)
Cyperus papyrus (Papyrus)
Eichhornia azurea (Peacock Water Hyacinth)
Eichhornia crassipes (Water Hyacinth)
Eleocharis prolifera (Miniature Jumping Rush)
Eleocharis spp. 'Miniature Rush'
Glyceria aquatica 'Variegata' (Variegated Manna Grass)
Hydrocotyle umbellata (Giant Floating Pennywort)
Hydrocotyle spp. 'Ruffles' (Ruffles Pennywort)
Iris louisiana & cultivars (Louisiana Iris)
Iris pseudacorus & cultivars (Yellow Flags)
Iris virginica & cultivars (Large Blue Flags)
Iris versicolor & cultivars (Blue Flags)
Juncus balticus 'Spiralis' (Baltic Cork Screw Rush)
Juncus decipiens 'Curly Wurlly' (Miniature Cork Screw Rush)
Juncus effusus (All Hard Rush varieties)
Juncus inflexus (European Hard Rush)
Juncus inflexus 'Afro' (Blue Medusa Cork Screw Rush)
Juncus polyanthemus (Australian Silver Rush)
Juncus spp. 'African Thatching Rush'
Ludwigia arcuata (Primrose Creeper)
Ludwigia arcuata 'Grandiflora' (Improved Primrose Creeper)
Ludwigia peruviana (Sunshine Bush)
Mentha aquatica and selections (Aquatic Mint)
Oenanthe javanica 'Flamingo' (Rainbow Water Parsley)
Oenanthe sarmentosa (Water Parsley)
Pistia stratiotes and selections (Water Lettuce)
Pontederia cordata and selections (Pickerel Plant)
Sagittaria sinensis (Chinese Arrowhead)
Scirpus spp. (All Rush varieties)
Typha spp. (All Cattail varieties)

Water Plants that Tolerate Shade

Gardeners associate water plants with full sun and sometimes think water plants won't grow in the shade. They overlook many impressive shade-loving water plants, such as the ones in the following list.

Shade that is created by trees presents a special challenge to the water gardener. Trees produce leaves, twigs, branches, and seeds. If you want to put a pond where there are a lot of trees, use a netting to reduce the amount of tree debris that will fall in the pond. Another alternative is to invest

in a good pond vacuum and have a regular maintenance schedule to remove leaf debris from the pond. Or, install a skimmer box. The water flows through a weir and into a net, which you can remove at the edge of the pond.

Acorus calamus (Sweet Flag)
Acorus calamus variegata (Variegated Sweet Flag)
Acorus gramineus 'Ogon' (Golden Japanese Sweet Flag)
Acorus gramineus 'Variegata' (Variegated Japanese Sweet Flag)
Acrostichum danaeifolium (Water Leather Fern)
Alisma subcordata aquaticum (Water Baby's Breath)
Alternanthera reineckii (Copperleaf)
Apios americana (Hardy Water Wisteria)
Aponogeton distachyus (Water Hawthorne)
Azolla caroliniana (Fairy Moss)
Bacopa caroliniana (Lemon Bacopa)
Bacopa lenagera (Variegated Lemon Bacopa)
Bacopa monniera (Water Purslane)
Calla palustris (Northern Calla Lily)
Caltha palustris (Marsh Marigold)
Carex fascicularis (Inflated Tassel Sedge)
Carex flacca (Blue Sedge)
Carex flacca 'Bias' (Variegated Blue Sedge)
Carex muskingumensis (Palm Sedge)
Carex muskingumensis 'Oehme' (Variegated Palm Sedge)
Ceratopteris thalictoides (Water Fern)
Colocasia esculenta and cultivars (Taro)
Crinum americanum (Water Spider Lily)
Cyperus alternifolius gracillus (Miniature Umbrella Grass)
Cyperus owanii (Cosmic Cyperus)
Dichromena colorata (White Top Sedge)
Dulichium arundinaceum (Dwarf Water Bamboo)
Echinodorus cordifolia (Melon Sword)
Eichhornia crassipes (Water Hyacinth)
Eleocharis prolifera (Miniature Jumping Rush)
Eleocharis spp. 'Miniature Rush'
Elodia canadensis (Elodia)
Epilobium hirsutum (Pink Water Jewel)
Equisetum fluviatile (Water Horsetail)
Equisetum hyemale (Horsetail)
Glyceria aquatica variegata (Variegated Manna Grass)
Gymnocoronis spilanthoides (Water Snowball)
Houttuynia cordata 'Chameleon' (Chameleon Houttuynia)
Hydrocotyle americana (Hairy Pennywort)
Hydrocotyle ranunculoides (Cut Leaf Pennywort)
Hydrocotyle sibthorpioides 'Crystal Confetti' (Var. Pennywort)
Hydrocotyle spp. 'Ruffles' (Ruffles Pennywort)
Hydrocotyle umbellata (Giant Floating Pennywort)
Hygrophila difformis and H.d. 'Variegata' (Water Wisterias)
Hygrophila stricta (Dragon Lanterns)
Hymenocallis liriosome (Spider Lily)
Iris louisiana 'Dorothy Kay Williams' (Louisiana Iris)
Iris pseudacorus (Yellow Flag Iris)
Iris pseudacorus plena (Double Yellow Flag)
Iris pseudacorus 'Ecrú' ('Ecrú' Yellow Flag)
Iris pseudacorus 'Ivory' ('Ivory' Yellow Flag)
Iris pseudacorus 'Sulphur Queen' ('Sulphur Queen' Yellow Flag)

Iris pseudacorus 'Sun Cascade' ('Sun Cascade' Yellow Flag)
Iris versicolor (Blue Flag Iris)
Iris virginica (Large Blue Flag Iris)
Juncus balticus 'Spiralis' (Baltic Cork Screw Rush)
Juncus decipiens 'Curly Wurlly' (Miniature Cork Screw Rush)
Juncus effusus 'Cuckoo' (Cuckoo Variegated Hard Rush)
Juncus effusus 'Gold Strike' (Gold Strike Var. Hard Rush)
Juncus inflexus (European Hard Rush)
Juncus inflexus 'Afro' (Blue Medusa Cork Screw Rush)
Juncus polyanthemus (Australia Silver Rush)
Juncus spp. 'African Thatching Rush'
Laurentia palustris (Azure Carpet)
Lemna spp. (Duckweed)
Limbonium spongeanum (Frog Bit)
Lobelia 'Tania' (Tania Lobelia)
Lobelia siphilitica alba (Giant White Lobelia)
Ludwigia arcuata 'Grandiflora' (Improved Primrose Creeper)
Ludwigia repens (Red Ludwigia)
Lychnis flos-cuculi (Ragged Robin)
Lycopus europaeus (European Bugleweed)
Lymnocharis flava (Velvet Leaf)
Lysimachia ciliata (Golden Lanterns)
Lysimachia nummularia 'Aurea' (Golden Creeping Jenny)
Lysimachia thysiflora (Tufts of Gold)
Marsilea drummondii (Hairy Water Clover)
Marsilea minuta (Miniature Water Clover)
Marsilea mutica (Water Clover)
Marsilea mutica 'MicroMini' (Extremely Miniature Water Clover)
Marsilea quadrifolia (Upright Water Clover)
Marsilea rotundifolia (Butterfly Water Clover)
Marsilea schelpeana (Cut Leaf Water Clover)
Mentha aquatica (Aquatic Mint)
Mentha aquatica 'Blue Mist' (Blue Aquatic Mint)
Mentha pulegium (Brook Mint)
Menyanthes trifoliata (Bog Bean)
Mimulus alatus 'Snow Crystal' (White Monkey Flower)
Mimulus ringens (Lavender Monkey Flower)
Myosotis scorpioides 'Mermaid' (Water Forget-Me-Not)
Myosotis scorpioides 'Pinkie' (Pink Water Forget-Me-Not)
Myosotis scorpioides 'Wisconsin' (Water Forget-Me-Not)
Myriophyllum aquaticum (Parrot Feather)
Myriophyllum canadensis (Foxtail)
Neptunia aquatica (Sensitive Plant)
Nymphoides aquatica (Floating Heart)
Nymphoides crenata (Painted Yellow Water Snow Flake)
Nymphoides cristata (Painted White Water Snow Flake)
Nymphoides indica (White Water Snow Flake)
Oenanthe javanica 'Flamingo' (Rainbow Water Parsley)
Oenanthe sarmentosa (Water Parsley)
Orontium aquaticum (Golden Club)
Peltandra virginica (Bog Arum)
Petasites hybridus (Butter Burr)
Phyla lanceolata (Frog Fruit)
Physostegia leptophylla (Water Obedient Plant)
Pistia stratiotes and selections (Water Lettuce)
Potamogeton crispus (Curly Pondweed)

Prosperinaca palustris (Mermaid's Comb or Fan)
Ranunculus longirostris (White Water Buttercup)
Ranunculus r. 'Buttered Popcorn' (Golden Creeping Buttercups)
Rotala rotundifolia (Pink Sprite)
Ruellia brittoniana and cultivars (Water Blue Bell)
Sagittaria brevifolia (Needle-Leaf Arrowhead)
Sagittaria japonica floraplano (Double Arrowhead)
Sagittaria natans (Sagittaria or Tape Grass)
Sagittaria sinensis (Chinese Arrowhead)
Salvinia longifolia (Giant Velvet Leaf)
Samolus parviflorus (Water Alyssum)
Saururus cernuus and S.c. ruminoides (Lizard Tails)
Scirpus montevidensis (Fiber Optics Rush)
Sium suave (Water Parsnip)
Sparganium spp. (Burr Reed)
Trapa bicornis (Giant Mosaic Plant)
Vallisneria spp. (Wild Celery)
Veronica americana (American Brooklime)
Veronica beccabunga (European Brooklime)
Wedelia trilobata (Golden Water Zinnia)

PLANTS FOR STREAMS & WATERFALLS

Streams and waterfalls can look hard and heavy because of the rock that's used to construct them. Plants listed here are perfectly adapted to running water alongside the stream and tucked in the pockets of a waterfall.

Acorus gramineus (Both Japanese Sweet Flag cultivars)
Alternanthera spp. (All selections)
Bacopa spp. (All selections)
Baldellia ranunculoides (Siberian Pink Cups)
Carex flacca & Carex f. 'Bias' (Blue Sedge selections)
Carex muskingumensis (Palm Sedge)
Carex muskingumensis 'Oehme' (Variegated Palm Sedge)
Cotula coronopifolia (Golden Buttons)
Echinodorus cordifolius (Melon Sword selections)
Eleocharis prolifer (Miniature Jumping Rush)
Eleocharis spp. 'Miniature Rush'
Glyceria aquatica 'Variegata' (Variegated Manna Grass)
Gymnocoronis spilanthoides (Water Snowball)
Hygrophila difformis (All selections)
Hydrocotyle (All Pennywort selections)
Isolepis prolifer (New Zealand Jumping Rush)
Laurentia palustris (Azure Carpet)
Justicia americana (Water Willow)
Ludwigia arcuata 'Grandiflora' (Improved Primrose Creeper)
Ludwigia repens (Red Ludwigia)
Lymnocharis flava (Velvet Leaf)
Lysimachia nummularia 'Aurea' (Golden Creeping Jenny)
Marsilea spp. (All Water Clover selections)
Mentha aquatica (Aquatic Mint)
Mentha pulegium (Brook Mint)
Menyanthes trifoliata (Bog Bean)
Mimulus guttatus 'Variegata' (Var. Yellow Monkey Flower)
Myosotis scorpioides (All Water Forget-Me-Not cultivars)
Myriophyllum aquaticum (Parrot Feather)
Neptunia aquatica (Water Sensitive Plant)

Oenanthe javanica 'Flamingo' (Rainbow Water Parsley)
Oenanthe sarmentosa (Water Parsley)
Phyla lanceolata (Frog Fruit)
Ranunculus spp. (All Buttercup cultivars)
Regnelledium diphyllum (Twin Leaf Water Clover)
Rotalla rotundifolia (Pink Sprite)
Sagittaria subulata (Dwarf Sagittaria)
Samolus parviflorus (Water Alyssum)
Tillaea recurva (Water Sedum)
Veronica spp. (Both selections)
Wedelia trilobata & W.t. 'Variegata' (Golden Water Zinna)

The Rooted Floaters

These plants root in soil at the edge of the pond but then float their stems out on the water surface. They provide cover but don't float out all over the pond. They are ideal for the edge of the stream or waterfall. They're also great as under-plantings at the base of taller plants. Use them at the edge of the pond to provide cover for fish, too.

Aeschynomene fluitans (Giant Water Sensitive Plant)
Alternanthera philoxeroides (Alligator Weed)
Bacopa monniera (Water Purslane)
Calla palustris (Northern Calla Lily)
Hydrocotyle spp. 'Ruffles' (Ruffles Pennywort)
Hydrocotyle umbellata (Giant Floating Pennywort)
Ludwigia arcuta (Primrose Creeper)
Ludwigia arcuta 'Grandiflora' (Improved Primrose Creeper)
Lymnocharis flava (Velvet Leaf)
Marsilea mutica (Water Clover)
Marsilea rotundifolia (Butterfly Water Clover)
Mentha aquatica (Aquatic Mint)
Menyanthes trifoliata (Bog Bean)
Myriophyllum aquaticum (Parrot Feather)
Phyla lanceolata (Frog Fruit)
Neptunia aquatica (Sensitive Plant)
Trapa bichornis (Giant Mosaic Plant)

NORTH AMERICAN NATIVE WATER PLANTS

We're often asked which of our water plants are native to the United States and thought you'd like a complete listing just for your reference. The following compilation is considerably longer than most people might realize. In fact, even we were a little surprised at just how many water plants listed in our catalog actually originated from our own waters. We've included named cultivars and selections that are derived from native species as well.

Hardy Marginals

Acorus calamus (Sweet Flag)
Acorus calamus variegata (Variegated Sweet Flag)
Alisma subcordata aquaticum (Water Baby's Breath)
Apios americana (Hardy Water Wisteria)
Arundo donax (Giant Reed)
Arundo donax albo striata (Variegated Giant Reed)
Asclepias incarnata (Pink Butterfly Plant)
Asclepias incarnata 'Ice Ballet' (White Butterfly Plant)
Calla palustris (Northern Calla Lily)
Caltha palustris (Marsh Marigold)
Carex fascicularis (Inflated Tassel Sedge)
Carex flacca (Blue Sedge)

Carex muskingumensis (Palm Sedge)
Carex muskingumensis 'Oehme' (Variegated Palm Sedge)
Cephalanthus occidentalis (Button Bush)
Cotula coronopifolia (Golden Buttons)
Cyperus longus (Hardy Umbrella Grass)
Cyperus spp. (Giant Nut Grass)
Dulichium arundinaceum (Dwarf Water Bamboo)
Echinodorus cordifolia (Melon Sword)
Echinodorus c. 'Marble Queen' (Marble Queen Melon Sword)
Eleocharis montevidensis (Spiked Rush)
Equisetum fluviatile (Water Horsetail)
Equisetum hyemale (Horsetail)
Eupatorium pertifolia 'Chocolate' (White Hardy Ageratum)
Eupatorium purpureum 'Gateway' (Joe Pye Weed)
Glyceria aquatica variegata (Variegated Manna Grass)
Hibiscus moscheutos or palustris (Water Hibiscus)
Hydrocotyle spp. 'Ruffles' (Ruffles Pennywort)
Juncus effusus (Hard Rush)
Juncus effusus 'Cuckoo' (Cuckoo Variegated Hard Rush)
Juncus effusus 'Gold Strike' (Gold Strike Var. Hard Rush)
Juncus effusus 'Spiralis' (Cork Screw Rush)
Juncus glaucus (Blue Rush)
Justicia americana (Water Willow)
Lobelia cardinalis (Cardinal Flower)
Lobelia siphilitica (Giant Blue Lobelia)
Lobelia siphilitica alba (Giant White Lobelia)
Lobelia spp. 'Red Giant' (Red Giant Lobelia)
Ludwigia arcuata (Primrose Creeper)
Ludwigia arcuata 'Grandiflora' (Improved Primrose Creeper)
Ludwigia repens (Red Ludwigia)
Lysimachia ciliata (Golden Lanterns)
Lysimachia nummularia 'Aurea' (Golden Creeping Jenny)
Lysimachia terresis (Swamp Candles)
Lysimachia thysiflora (Tufts of Gold)
Mentha aquatica (Aquatic Mint)
Menyanthes trifoliata (Bog Bean)
Mimulus alatus 'Snow Crystal' (White Monkey Flower)
Mimulus ringens (Lavender Monkey Flower)
Orontium aquaticum (Golden Club)
Peltandra virginica (Bog Arum)
Penthorum sedoides (Star Fruit)
Phragmites australis (Pampas Reed)
Phyla lanceolata (Frog Fruit)
Physostegia leptophylla (Water Obedient Plant)
Pontederia cordata (Blue Pickerel Plant)
Pontederia cordata alba (White Pickerel Plant)
Pontederia cordata 'Pink Pons' (Pink Pickerel Plant)
Pontederia cordata 'Spoon River' (Spoon River Pickerel Plant)
Sagittaria spp. 'Bloom'n Baby' (Bloom'n Baby Arrowhead)
Sagittaria brevifolia (Needle-Leaf Arrowhead)
Sagittaria latifolia (Arrowhead)
Sagittaria 'Leopard Spot' (Leopard Spot Arrowhead)
Sarracenia leucophylla (White Pitcher Plant)
Sarracenia minor (Hooded Pitcher Plant)
Sarracenia psittacina (Parrot Pitcher Plant)
Saururus cernuus (Lizard Tail)

Saururus cernuus ruminoides (Red Stemmed Lizard Tail)
Scirpus americanus (Three Square Rush)
Scirpus cyperinus (Woolly Rush)
Scirpus validus (Soft Rush)
Sium suave (Water Parsnip)
Sparganium spp. (Burr Reed)
Stachys palustris (Marsh Betony)
Thalia dealbata (Purple Thalia)
Thalia dealbata 'Broad Leaf Form'
Typha angustifolia (Graceful Cattail)
Typha domingensis (Giant Cattail)
Typha laxmanii (Dwarf Cattail)
Typha latifolia (Cattail)
Veronica americana (American Brooklime)

Tropical Marginals

Acrostichum danaeifolium (Water Leather Fern)
Bacopa caroliniana (Lemon Bacopa)
Bacopa monniera (Water Purslane)
Canna flaccida (Florida Yellow Water Canna)
Crinum americanum (Water Spider Lily)
Dichromena colorata (White Top Sedge)
Hydrocotyle americana (Hairy Pennywort)
Hymenocallis liriosome (Spider Lily)
Ruellia brittoniana (Water Blue Bell)
Ruellia brittoniana 'ChiChi' (Pink Water Blue Bell)
Ruellia brittoniana 'Katie' (Dwarf Water Blue Bell)
Ruellia b. 'Strawberries and Cream' (Var. Water Blue Bell)
Sagittaria lancifolia (White Swan)
Sagittaria lancifolia ruminoides (Red Swan)
Scirpus montevidensis (Fiber Optics Rush)
Scirpus spp. (Fireworks Rush)
Thalia geniculata (Alligator Flag)
Thalia geniculata ruminoides (Red Stemmed Alligator Flag)

Water Iris

Iris fulva 'Marvell Gold' (Golden Flag)
Iris louisiana 'Dorothy Kay Williams' (Louisiana Iris)
Iris versicolor & cultivars (Blue Flags)
Iris virginica & cultivars (Large Blue Flags)

Free Floating Plants

Azolla caroliniana (Fairy Moss)
Ceratopteris thalictoides (Water Fern)
Lemna spp. (Duckweed)

Oxygenators

Cabomba canadensis (Fanwort)
Ceratophyllum demersum (Hornwort)
Elodia canadensis (Elodia)
Myriophyllum canadensis (Foxtail)
Potamogeton spp. (Pondweeds)
Prosperinaca palustris (Mermaid's Fan)
Ranunculus longirostris (White Water Buttercup)
Sagittaria natans (Sagittaria or Tape Grass)
Sagittaria subulata (Dwarf Sagittaria)

Vallisneria spp. (Wild Celery)

Lotus

Perry's Giant Sunburst (from *Nelumbo lutea*)

HOW TO PLANT SOME PLANTS

Hosta- sink the closed-pot half way in the water

Impatiens- remove all the dirt from the roots and float them with styrofoam or tuck them in a shallow corner with a rock on top of the roots and all the green stems OUT of the water

Daylilies- Stella d Oro did well for me last year. Do it like the hosta

Mint- anything in the mint family-do like the impatiens..1 mint plant in the waterfall last year took over and completely covered my waterfall!

Forget Me Nots- bareroot

PLANTS NOT NORMALLY KNOWN AS POND PLANTS

Cannas, caladiums. The cannas were potted in a clay-based soil and submerged about 2" ..same with the caladiums.

strawberry plants

houittonya (chameleon plant) a lovely perennial that is green /white/pink.

Catnip

fancy ivy

Iris

Watercress

Lobelia (the perenial one called Cardinal flower

primroses/primula,

ferns as marginals,

mint (both peppermint and spearmint)

Tradescantia also called Widows Tears (maybe called spider wort ?)

peace lily

houittonya (chameleon plant)

callas

creeping charlie

colus

baby tears

potatoo vine

horsetail rush

Pink Splash

Wisterias (I've read they don't bloom well if given too much nitrogen. A friend of mine coaxed hers to bloom by feeding it some banana peels.)

Taro

Alocasia

Variegated Yucca

iceplant.

giant Ostrich ferns
Aspidistra (Cast Iron Plant)
Miscanthus (grasses)
ginger
ladys mantle
pink yarrow
cornflower
violas
lambs ear