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Key

wp	wet prairie
mp	mesic prairie
wd	woodland
ww	wet woods
s	savanna
~	butterfly favorite
^	bird feeder
*	hummingbird favorite

Rain Garden Species for Full to Partial Shade

Clayey Soils

Species name	Common name	height	color	bloom	native habitat
<i>Forbs</i>					
Acorus calamus	sweet flag	1'-3'	green	may-june	ww/wp
Iris virginica-shrevei	wild blue flag iris	1'-3'	blue&yellow	may-july	wp/ww

Well-Drained Soils

Species name	Common name	height	color	bloom	native habitat
<i>Forbs</i>					
Arisaema atrorubens	Jack-in-the-pulpit	1'-3'	green/red	april-june	wd
Aster lateriflorus	side-flowering aster	1'-5'	white	aug-oct	mp/s
~ Eupatorium purpureum	purple Joe-Pye weed	2'-6'	pink	july-sept	ww/wp
^ * Iris virginica-shrevei	wild blue flag iris	1'-3'	blue&yellow	may-july	mp/wp/ww
~ * Lobelia cardinalis	cardinal flower	2'-4'	scarlet	july-sept	ww/wp
Lysimachia ciliata	fringed loosestrife	1'-4'	yellow	june-aug	wp/ww
Mertensia virginica	Virginia bluebells	6"-12"	blue/violet	april-june	wd/ww
Mimulus ringens	monkey flower	1'-4'	violet	june-sept	wp/ww
Napea dioica	glade mallow	3'-6'	white	june-aug	mp/s/wd
~ Phlox divaricata	blue phlox, woodland phlox	6"-12"	blue	april-june	s/wd
Rudbeckia laciniata	wild golden glow	3"-12"	yellow	july-sept	mp/wp
Rudbeckia subtomentosa	sweet black-eyed Susan	2'-4'	yellow & brown	july-oct	wp/mp
Rudbeckia triloba	brown-eyed Susan	1'-4'	yellow&brown	july-oct	wd/s
Scutellaria laterifolia	mad-dog scullcap	1'-3'	blue	june-sept	ww/wd/s
Solidago flexicaulis	zig zag goldenrod	1'-3'	yellow	aug.sept	wd/ww
Stachys tenuifolia	smooth hedge nettle	2'-4'	pink	july-sept	ww/wd/wp
~ Zizia aurea	Golden Alexander	1'-3'	yellow	april-july	ww/wp/mp

Grasses

<i>Elymus villosa</i>	silky wild rye	2'-5'	gold	may-july	w/wp/wd
<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	Virginia wild rye	2'-5'	gold	may-july	wd/s
<i>Leersia virginica</i>	rice cut grass	6"-1'	brown	july-sept	ww/wd

Sedges

<i>Carex Bebbii</i>	Bebb's sedge	1'-3'	green	june-aug	wp/ww
<i>Carex cristatella</i>	crested sedge	1'-3'	green	june-aug	wp/ww
<i>Carex Grayi</i>	bur sedge, Gray's sedge	1'-3'	green	june-sept	ww
<i>Carex sprengei</i>	long-beaked sedge	1'-2'	green	may-june	ww/wd
<i>Carex tenera</i>	narrow-leaved oval sedge	1'-3'	green	may-aug	wp/ww
<i>Carex trichocarpa</i>	hairy-fruited sedge	2'-3'	green	may-july	wp

Ferns

<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	sensitive fern	1'-2'	brown	june-aug	ww/wd
<i>Osmunda claytoniana</i>	interrupted fern	1'-3'	tan	june-aug	ww/wd

Shrubs

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<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	buttonbush	3'-15'	white	may-august	marshes, wet prairies
<i>Hypericum spathulatum</i>	shrubby St. John's wort	1'-4'	yellow	july-sept	ww/streambanks
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	winter berry / black alder	3'-15'	red (fruit)	sept-oct	wet woods/meadows
<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	elderberry	8'-10'	white	june-july	dry-wet, shade-sun
<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	American cranberrybush	10-20'	white	april-june	ww/wd/s