

## Potential plants for rain gardens in Northwoods

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### A. Potential shrubs:

Common name	Latin / scientific name	Height range
American hazelnut	<i>Corylus americana</i>	3-6'
Arrowwood Viburnum	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	6-15'
Beaked hazelnut	<i>Corylus cornuta</i>	3-6'
Bearberry	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	.5-1'
Black chokeberry	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	2-5'
Bunchberry	<i>Cornus canadensis</i>	3-8"
Bush honeysuckle	<i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	1-4'
Downy arrowwood	<i>Viburnum rafinesquianum</i>	3-6'
Elderberry	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	3-12'
Gray dogwood	<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	10-15'
Highbush cranberry	<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	6-16'
Meadowsweet	<i>Spiraea alba</i>	3-5'
Mountain ash	<i>Sorbus americana</i>	10-30'
Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	5-9'
Pagoda dogwood	<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	15-25'
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	6-25'
Steeplebush	<i>Spiraea tomentosa</i>	2-5"
Sweet gale	<i>Myrica gale</i>	5-7'

### B. Grasses, sedges, and rushes:

Common name	Latin / scientific name	Height range
Blue joint grass	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>	1.5-5'
Bottlebrush grass	<i>Elymus hystrix</i>	2-5'
Bottlebrush sedge	<i>Carex comosa</i>	24-42"
Canada wild rye	<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	2.5-6'
Caterpillar sedge	<i>Carex crinita</i>	30-42"
Fowl manna grass	<i>Glyceria striata</i>	24-36"
Fox sedge	<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	18-30"
Green bulrush	<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>	36-48"
June grass	<i>Koeleria macrantha</i>	1-2'
Lake sedge	<i>Carex lacustris</i>	3-5'
Porcupine sedge	<i>Carex hystericina</i>	24-42"
Rattlesnake grass	<i>Glyceria canadensis</i>	1-3.5'
Rice cut grass	<i>Leersia oryzoides</i>	2.5-5'
River bulrush	<i>Scirpus fluviatilis</i>	48-96"
Soft rush	<i>Juncus effusus</i>	1.5-7'
Soft-stemmed bulrush	<i>Scirpus validus</i>	48-72"
Switch grass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	36-96"
Tussock sedge	<i>Carex stricta</i>	2-3'
Virginia wild rye	<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	1-5'
Wool grass	<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i>	3-5'

C. Wildflowers / ferns:

Common name	Latin / scientific name	Height range
Arrowhead*	<i>Sagittaria latifolia</i>	1-3'
Bergamont	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	2-4'
Big-leaved aster	<i>Aster macrophyllus</i>	1-3.5'
Blue-eyed grass	<i>Sisyrinchium albidum</i>	6"
Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	1-3'
Blue vervain	<i>Verbena hastata</i>	2-4'
Boneset	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	2-7'
Bur reed*	<i>Sparganium eurycarpum</i>	1-3.5'
Canada anemone	<i>Anemone canadensis</i>	.5-3'
Cardinal flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	2-5'
Cinnamon fern	<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>	2-4'
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	1-3'
Culver's root	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	5'
Early meadow rue	<i>Thalictrum dioicum</i>	.5-3'
Flat-topped aster	<i>Aster umbellatus</i>	1-6'
Fireweed	<i>Epilobium angustifolium</i>	2-6'
Giant hyssop	<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	36"
Great blue lobelia	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	24"
Hoary vervain	<i>Verbena stricta</i>	8-36"
Ironweed	<i>Vernonia fasciculata</i>	2-5'
Orange jewelweed	<i>Impatiens capensis</i>	2-6'
Ostrich fern	<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i>	28-52"
Marsh marigold*	<i>Caltha palustris</i>	1-2'
Monkey flower	<i>Mimulus ringens</i>	6"-3'
Mountain mint	<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>	2-3'
New England aster	<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	1-7'
Nodding onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	1-2'
Northern blue flag iris	<i>Iris versicolor</i>	2-5'
Pearly everlasting	<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>	1'
Prairie smoke	<i>Geum triflorum</i>	8"
Purple meadow rue	<i>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i>	3-5'
Rough blazing star	<i>Liatris aspera</i>	2-5'
Royal fern	<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	2-3'
Sensitive fern	<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	2-3'
Smooth aster	<i>Aster laevis</i>	2-3'
Sneezeweed	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	4-5'
Spotted Joe-pye weed	<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>	2-7'
Stiff goldenrod	<i>Solidago rigida</i>	2-3'
Swamp aster	<i>Aster puniceus</i>	1-6'
Swamp milkweed	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	36"
Sweet flag*	<i>Acorus calamus</i>	1-3'
Tall meadow rue	<i>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i>	4-6'
Turtlehead*	<i>Chelone glabra</i>	2-3'
Water plantain*	<i>Alisma subcordatum</i>	4-40"
White panicle aster	<i>Aster lanceolatus</i>	2-6'

\* = For wet pond type rain gardens only.